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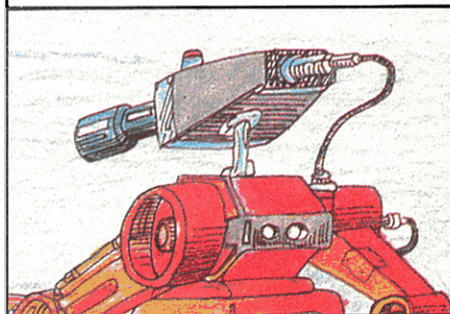
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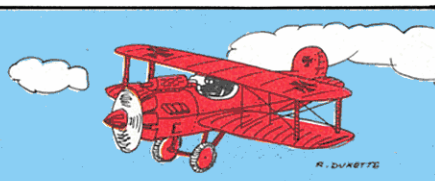
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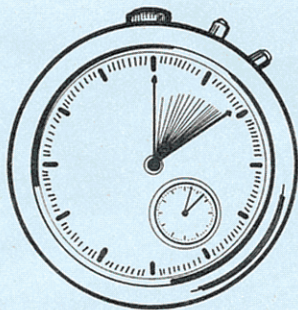
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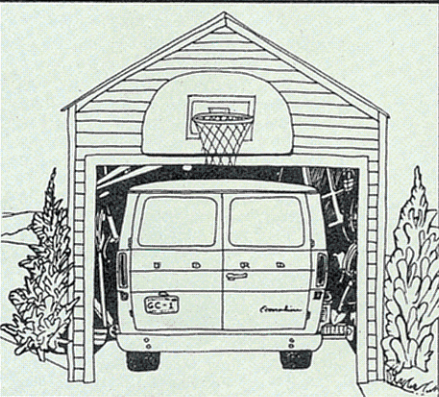
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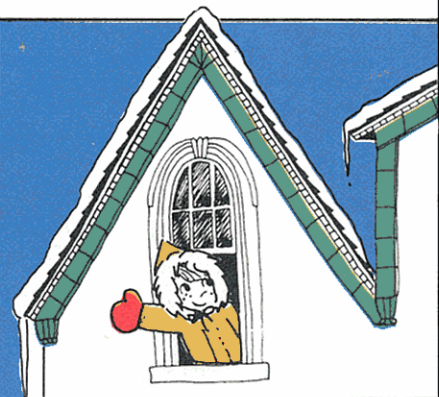


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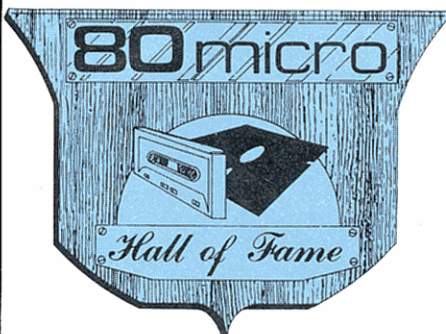
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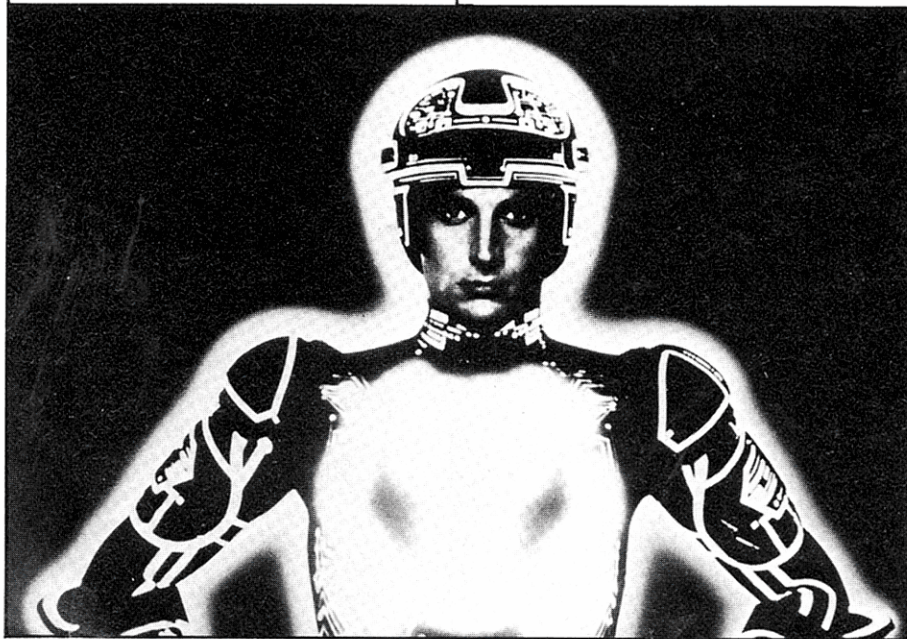
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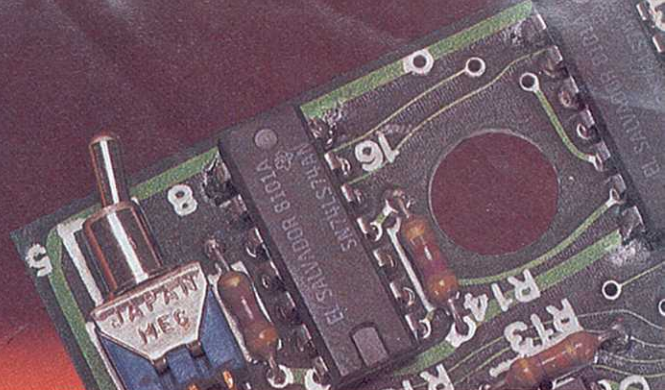


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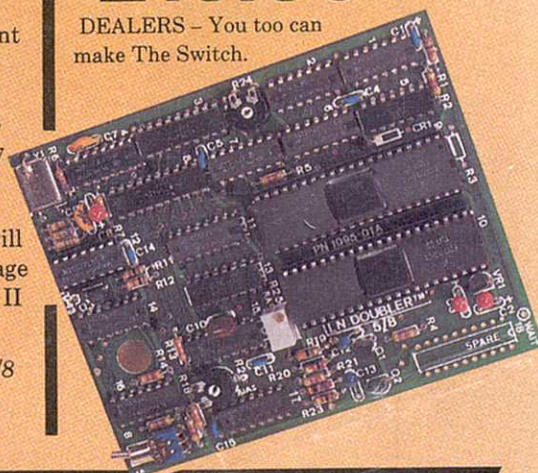
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As a key person in a small business, you may not have thought much about security for your computer. Oh, you may want to keep payroll information confidential, but why should you worry about your mailing list, customer information, supplier information, sales records, and so on?

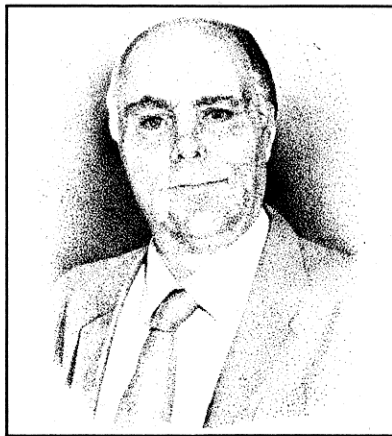
You're right—this is not a major problem so far. But in the longer run, you may want to keep in mind the need for establishing an ever more secure computer system.

We are heading toward the time when even smaller businesses are going to have executives communicating with the office computer while on business trips. Salesmen and reps are soon going to be getting sales data and placing orders over the phone via computers. Indeed, more and more of our business and records will be accessible over the phone, and thus prone to interception or even malicious interference.

Few people who have not worked for the phone company have even a hint of the extensive monitoring of calls that Ma Bell does. Your calls *are* being monitored. The system is set up so that calls can be monitored from anywhere in the country without giving you a hint that anything is amiss. Now, how are we to know that Ma won't start setting up to automatically record *every* digital communication going over her lines? There's no serious problem technically. Then Ma's minions can check what is going over the lines when it is convenient and, if it is interesting, look back through months or even years of recorded data.

With an increasing amount of Ma's communications going by microwave, we know from recent articles in the technical magazines that it's easy to intercept these communications without leaving any trace. The interception and recording of all digital communications by firms interested in selling business information to your competitor could be a growth industry. Government agencies can also listen in to these calls and get a good inside look at what is going on.

One malicious employee with access to your computer can raise holy hell with sales records, customer files, payroll, and so on. Do you really want to have your business computer system working on the basis that no one is ever



The need for more security

going to get mad and try to get even?

All of this leads up to the obvious need for security. To some degree, we are in a similar situation to that faced by the software firms in that no known security system seems to be really secure. Worse, the more you try, the more your computer is tied up with the security system and the more frustrating the whole thing can be to use.

The first step is to recognize the importance of the problem. The next is to start tackling it. We can do this best via articles by those few people who have already been working in the field. This will help the rest of us understand what work has been done so far so we won't waste a lot of time redoing it. This will also spark some original ideas in the rest of us. I suspect that the very complexity of ICs that can be designed today may hold the key to a relatively simple encryption/decryption device.

One of the difficulties of encryption keys is the ability of a computer to try an incredible number of keys in a short time. This might be nullified with a system similar to a combination lock, wherein a time delay accompanies each

failed try, thus defeating the speed of the computer. I'm sure that if we have enough brains working on the project, we'll come up with some fine solutions. We're going to need them.

The State of Graphic Arts

Computer graphics are moving ahead so fast that most of us can't keep up with the developments. They've been making the consumer magazines in recent weeks, spurred on by their use in *Tron* and other recent films. I really didn't need to go to still another computer show, yet how could I stay away from one right down in Boston, just a bit over an hour away?

It must be excessively depressing for the higher management at Tandy to go to shows like this and see how far computer graphics have developed, yet to have so little available via the TRS-80 systems. The uses for color graphics for business are so manifest that the handwriting on the wall really can't be ignored. There were Apple computers all over the place at the show, but only one TRS-80 that I saw.

The Color Computer has a lot of promise for such applications, if Radio Shack would provide their stores with the documentation, accessories, and programs to back up the system. I am hearing rumors that there are some cracks appearing in the xenophobic armor at Tandy and that at least a few of the people there are fighting to change age-old tradition and allow the sale of support products from outside firms.

The powers at Tandy realize all too well that the computer sales are the only thing that has kept the firm growing. They see these sales getting to be more and more of the total Tandy sales. This is a two-edged sword. With no end in sight for computer sales, it is a firm foundation for keeping the whole firm growing. But with increasing competition from a growing number of firms with better computers, better software, and more accessories, the bubble could burst.

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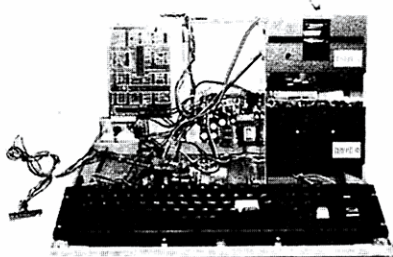
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You know, I get letters now and then

from readers who wonder why I don't toady to Radio Shack instead of taking them to task. I try, as best as I can, to reflect the educated opinions in the marketplace, not just my own. I talk with Radio Shack-owned stores, with independent Radio Shack store owners, and with many people in the industry. From all this, I get a fair idea of what is really going on, not just what Tandy sends out for PR or publishes in their pamphlet, which is generally self-serving. I don't go out of my way to be critical of Tandy, but then I don't avoid it

either. I try to call it as I see it. If some readers have facts of which I'm not aware, I'm open to getting them and revising my ideas. The Tandy people are extremely secretive, which, of course, begs for guessing. I know of no other firm in the industry that even comes close to Radio Shack in that aspect.

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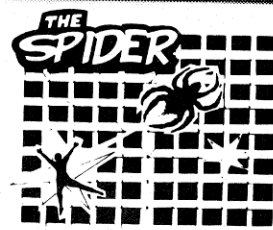
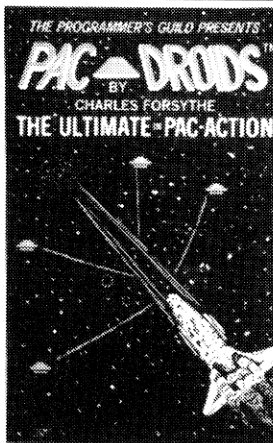
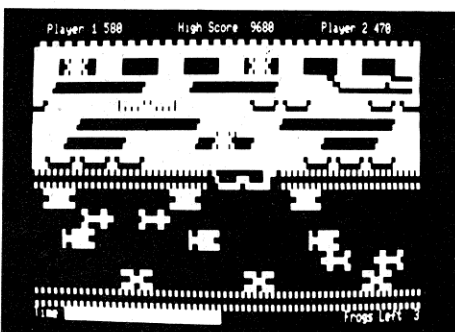
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The headline read, "Atari outraged by video-porn." The object of the company's wrath was Custer's Revenge, a video game that involves raping an American Indian woman tied to a post.

The company's solution was to announce a law suit against American Multiple Industries, the makers of Custer's Revenge.

Apparently, Atari's people have been in the game room so long that they've forgotten what the real world is like.

You cannot mention a medium in which pornography doesn't have a substantial piece of the market. Literature, art, film, cable TV, video recorders, magazines—in each case, somebody has found a way to make a buck from sleaze.

Computer games will be no different, and there is nothing Atari can legally do about it.

That's the way it should be. Consumers do not need a Big Brother telling them what's good for them. And Atari has no right to impose its moral sensibilities on the public, however justified their outrage might be.

Atari's intent is obviously to protect their wholesome family image. Custer's Revenge offers it an easy vehicle to prove how moral and righteous it is. But Atari's anger serves only to evade a much more important point.

Games like Custer's Revenge appeal to racist and sexist attitudes that are engrained in American culture. And while the computer industry may not actively encourage those attitudes, it has done little to alter them.

How many computer games seek to create positive images of oppressed and minority groups? How many arcade games—many of which are Atari's—provide anything more than vicarious, sensual entertainment? And how do the violent microworlds those games create help to foster a peaceful, more tolerant society?

Atari is correct to excoriate cheap junk like Custer's Revenge. But its moral indignation would carry a lot

Video porn is here for good

more weight if it also took some steps toward bettering its own products. Pac-Man may not have raped any Indian women lately, but he also hasn't done much to improve the world we live in.

—E.M.

Model II owners may not make up a large part of *80 Micro*'s readership, but they sure are vocal. Hardly a week goes by when we don't receive some mail pleading for more Model II material.

Well, we've taken some steps to correct the situation. Starting in April, we'll be publishing conversion tables for some of our Model I/III programs. This will let Model II people share in the wealth of useful and interesting software they've heretofore only been able to look at.

Naturally, we encourage and welcome original Model II programs.

Next month promises to be an interesting issue. Our "To Copy or Not to Copy" letter has inspired a number of our readers to express in no uncertain terms how they feel about software protection and piracy. We'll be printing a batch of those letters, along with reactions from several software manufacturers.

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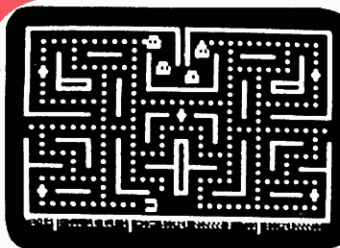
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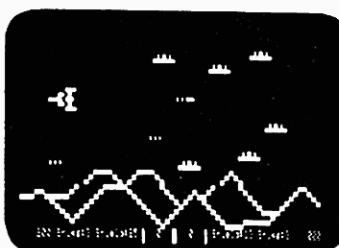
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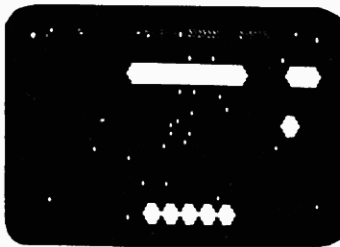
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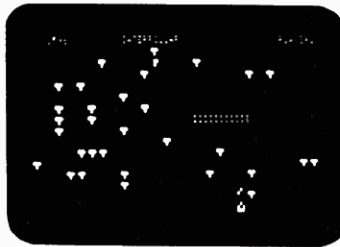
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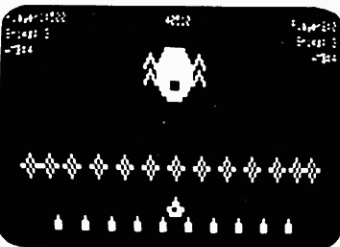
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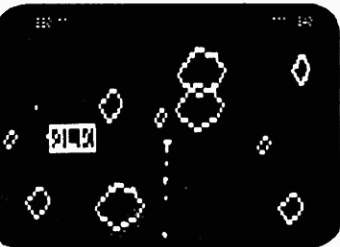
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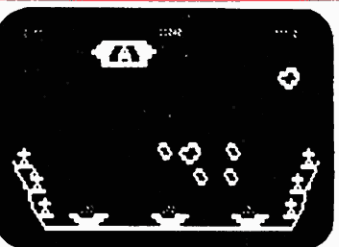
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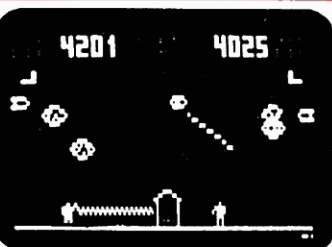
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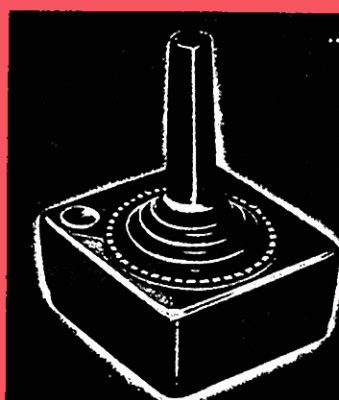
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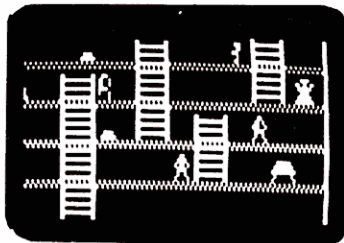
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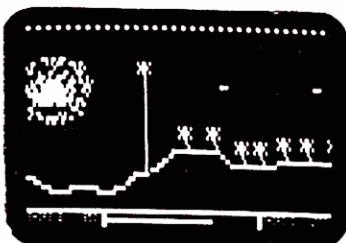
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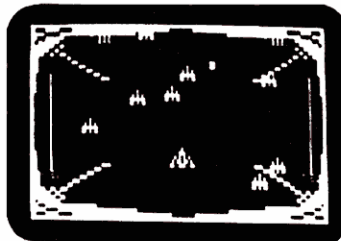
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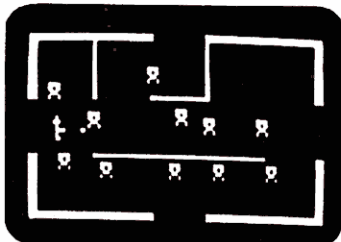
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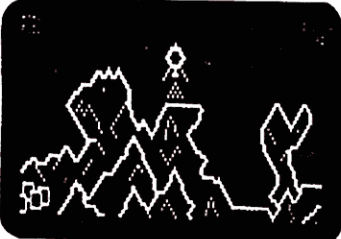
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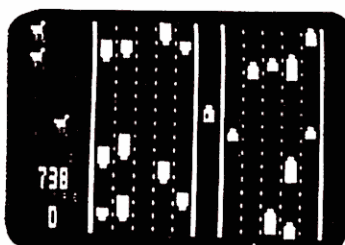
GALAXY INVASION

The sound of the klaxon is calling you! Invaders have been spotted warping toward Earth. You shift right and left as you fire your lasers. A few break formation and fly straight at you! You place your finger on the fire button knowing that this shot must connect! With sound effects! Price: A



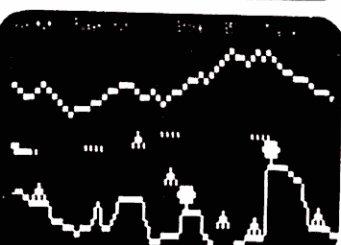
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Hard Disk for Model II

I have been led down the primrose path by Tandy in buying a Model II. I was under the impression that a reasonably-priced hard disk unit would soon be on the market.

Can anyone tell me what it would take to replace my single disk drive in the Model II with two thinline types such as the Tandon TM848-2?

I'm not in favor of adding an extra expansion box for them. I would like to see them built in, as in the Model 16. I have a Model II service manual and it appears that the disk controller could support such a drive, but I'm not certain about the power requirements.

I am certainly not the only Model II owner with this ambition. With so many in-cabinet upgrades available for the Model III, why can't someone do it for the Model II?

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The hard/soft disk system (HSDS) from Racet Computes modifies TRSDOS 2.0a to work with many hard-disk units.—Eds.

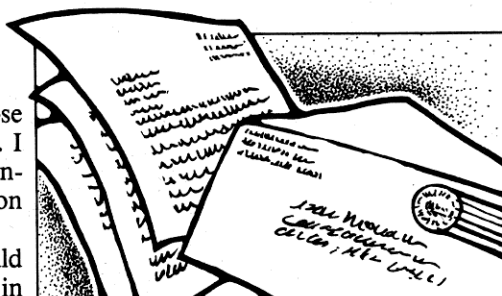
Lots of Problems

Your September and October "Reload 80" sections contain an outstanding utility. When combined, the two short programs become one utility invaluable for Assembly-language routines or subroutines. Many conversion programs have appeared in the magazine in the past, but none as comprehensive as this. It's a real gem.

As a novice Assembly-language programmer one thing has eluded me (and I suspect others as well). When source listings are given you need the hexadecimal starting address, hexadecimal ending address, and hexadecimal entry point to change memory locations.

How do I read a source listing to determine the above-mentioned addresses?

I just purchased Radio Shack's disk-based Series-I Editor/Assembler (Cat. #26-2013) that includes a version of TRSDOS 2.3B which is not compatible with TRSDOS 2.3. This upgrade utility does not permit the Basic command to



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return to Basic to set the number of files or to set memory.

All my machine-language utilities that operate under TRSDOS 2.3 will not run under TRSDOS 2.3B. To quote from the pages that come with the Editor/Assembler, "Old TRSDOS disk used under the new TRSDOS must be upgraded before use. Once upgraded, a system or data disk becomes a new TRSDOS data disk."

When I contacted Radio Shack I was told that they don't know how to enter Basic through this TRSDOS version, and that TRSDOS 2.3B is unsupported by Radio Shack and no manuals are planned for its use. I was told that this version of TRSDOS was written specifically for the Series-I Editor/Assembler.

Does anyone have anything to offer regarding using TRSDOS 2.3B?

Jerry Reiser
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Write Your Own Driver

The new SuperScripsit Word Processor has some interesting features to recommend it over the standard Scripsit. Its modular construction (much like TRSDOS, where a resident supervisory module calls in various overlays to do specific tasks) offers a choice of six specific printer drivers, plus a serial printer driver; but, of course, only Radio Shack printers are provided for.

An appendix in the manual on "How to Write Your Own Driver for a Non-Radio Shack Printer" does nothing to dispel the confusion.

Has anyone put together a driver for

the Epson MX-80 to interface it with SuperScripsit?

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New Sound Routine

In the modifications to "Space Chase" by Charles E. Gillen (*80 Micro*, October 1982, p. 31) he states, "The modified program should work equally well on Models I and III..."; this is not quite accurate. The sound routine in this program is one commonly used; I have found it in several game and music programs in *80 Micro*. Unfortunately, this routine does not work on the Model III.

I've developed a routine to modify a number of these programs. It gives approximately the same results from the same USR input values and works with either the Model I or III.

DATA 243,205,127,10,62,1,14,0,69,238,3,
211,255,13,40,4,16,251,24,244,37,32,246,251,
201

This routine has only 25 bytes instead of the 29 in the original routine. This means that you must reduce the limits of the For...Next loop that reads the data by four. Also, if you POKE the data into a string, you must reduce the length of the string.

For example, in Mr. Gillen's modified program:

Line 50—Change "ZZ\$=STRING\$(29,0)" to "ZZ\$=STRING\$(25,0)"
Line 60—Change "FOR ZZ=Z3 TO Z3+28" to "FOR ZZ=Z3 TO Z3+24"

Some of the programs use CMD "T" to remove the buzzing sound from the notes. That is not necessary with this routine since the interrupts are disabled at the start of the routine and enabled again before the return to Basic.

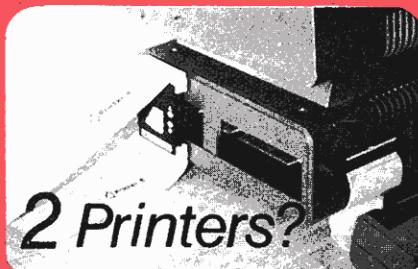
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WP Comparison

Mr. Robinson's insight into the details of word processing, and his ability to explain them to the reader, are most evident. However, I believe he missed

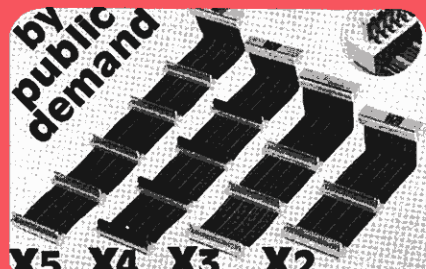
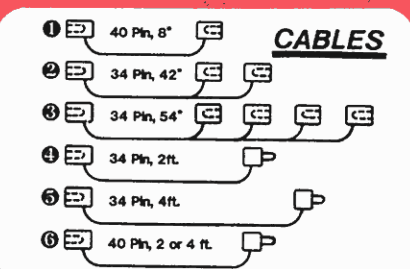
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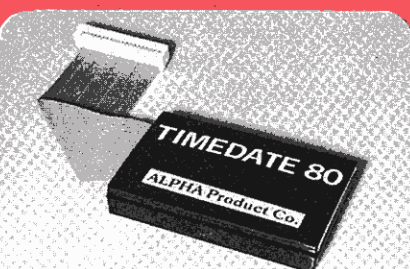
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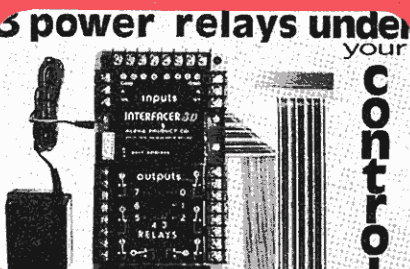
- Several are just a flat piece of standard colored Lucite. The green tint was not made for this purpose and is judged by many to be too dark. Increasing the brightness control will result in a fuzzy display.
- Some are simply a piece of thin plastic film taped onto a cardboard frame. The color is satisfactory but the wobbly film gives it a poor appearance.
- One "optical filter" is in fact plain acrylic sheeting.
- False claim: A few pretend to "reduce glare". In fact, their flat and shiny surfaces (both film and Lucite type) ADD their own reflections to the screen.
- A few laughs: One ad claims to "reduce screen contrast". Sorry gentleman but it's just the opposite. One of the Green Screen's major benefits is to increase the contrast between the text and the background.
- Drawbacks: Most are using adhesive strips to fasten their screen to the monitor. This method makes it awkward to remove for necessary periodical cleaning. All (except ours) are flat. Light pens will not work reliably because of the big gap between the screen and the tube.
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the point of the Word Machine's real utility.

I have been interested in, working with, and fascinated by word processors and text editors for years. This includes WP/34 for the IBM, WordStar, Select, Scripsit, and Electric Pencil. I have also observed the reactions of clerks and secretaries in offices when told that they would have to learn to use a word processor. The reaction is generally negative. It takes a good secretary about a month to lose the fear of using this thing. It takes another month to gain some confidence, and then it's mostly a matter of how much the secretary is willing to put into it to get more out of it. The majority of users don't need or use up to 80 percent of what these word processing programs offer. Yet they have to go through the initial ordeal to learn to use the 20-50 percent that they do use.

I believe much software on the market today is the result of contests between first-rate programmers. These results approach programming perfection, but do not give the user what he really needs. The average secretary, hobbyist, or home user uses a word processor mainly for letters and notes, memoranda, small reports, and one or two-page advertising text.

The Word Machine is designed for these people. It takes about ten minutes to be able to use this menu-driven program. The screen is self-prompting, and the choices are clear and simple.

The Word Machine is written in Basic, which, as Mr. Robinson points out, is not as fast as Assembly language. Individual routines in the Word Machine can take longer than in the more expensive programs. We do, however, invite comparison with any of the Assembly-language programs on the market.

We have designed the Word Machine for use with the TRS-80 Models I and III, with Centronics (Radio Shack line printers) or Epson MX printers. The Model I owner without the lowercase hardware modification can even get lowercase printout if his printer has a lowercase font. The Epson version allows variable line spacing. I am convinced that these features satisfy 100 percent of the requirements of 99 percent of the people who want to reap the rewards of a word processor.

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Dan Robinson Replies

Choice of a word processing program is a personal matter. My personal belief is that a word processor written in Basic can't compete with a machine-language program. Basic's editing commands can hardly be simpler for a secretary to learn than those of a well-written program like Scripsit. Moreover, in the Word Machine's tape version, having to make substitutes for every comma or colon can hardly make the work easier.—Dan Robinson

Impartial Reviews

Bruce Powel Douglass' review of Newsprint 7.0, by Prosoft (80 Micro, October 1982) is a glowing report of that program's virtues and capabilities. On looking further through the magazine, I found on page 215 an ad for a game called Regilian Worm by Bruce Powel Douglass, and marketed by Prosoft. In my mind, this raises a question concerning the objectivity of the reviews in your magazine.

While a product review by someone having a business relationship with the product's supplier can be fair and impartial, 80 Micro has an obligation to inform readers of any known business relationship between a reviewer and the company that markets the product being reviewed.

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At the time Bruce Douglass' review was accepted, Regilian Worm was not yet being marketed by Prosoft. We are, however, sensitive to the kinds of conflicts of interest you mention. While we can't claim a track record of 100 per-

cent, we try to screen out reviews by people with vested interests.—Eds.

Trying Harder

As a Radio Shack computer service technician, I take exception to Wayne's "Remarks" (80 Micro, October 1982), that state, "... otherwise, you are helpless at the hands of the Tandy service people, who seem to have little responsibility to the stores that work with them—or to the customers."

It is unfair to condemn all service people as uncaring based on a few experiences. With any product or service, there are going to be unhappy customers, especially from the service end. However, many of us strive to provide customers with the fastest, most courteous service at the lowest possible price.

We are not the only company selling microcomputers. So if our customers put their faith and money into our products, it's only fair that they be treated in a proper manner. If it weren't for them, I, and many others, would be out of a job.

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Model III Dialer

The article "Telephone Dialer" by Jim Hickey (80 Micro, June/July 1982) works fine on a Model I, but the Model III cassette port operates differently. The dialer uses the remote control for the cassette deck. When a 4 is output to port number 255, the contacts on the jack close to complete the circuit and turn on the relay. Likewise, a 0 sent to the same port turns off the relay. The Model III controls the remote through port 236.

```
40 OUT 236,2
60 OUT 236,16
400 RESTORE:PRINT CHR$(28);:PRINT @128,"COMMAND :
";CHR$(30);:L=20:GOSUB 800:IN$=W$
405 PRINT CHR$(31);
410 IFIN$ "LIST" THEN CLS:PRINT:GOTO490
490 READNA$,NO$:IFNA$ "END"THENPRINT:PRINT:LINEINPUT"Press
ENTER to continue";A$:PRINT@,CHR$(31);:GOTO
400ELSEPRINTA$,:GOTO490
511 IFNO$ "0"THEN520
610 OUT236,2:FORLP 1TO300:NEXT:OUT236,16:GOTO400
800 LINEINPUTW$:RETURN
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Program Listing 1

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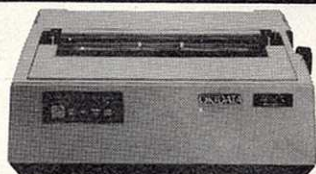
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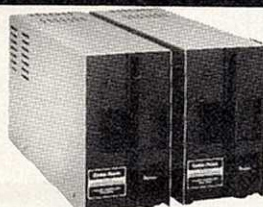
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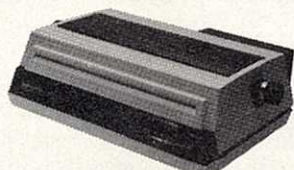
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The flashing cursor routine at line 800 can be replaced on disk systems (Disk Basic) by a Line Input; this saves memory and is more efficient.

Change or delete the lines in Program Listing 1 to make a dialing program work on a Model III.

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Hexagon Speaks

I was impressed by the comprehensive review of word processing programs in your September issue. As the author of Hexspell 2, I would like to comment on your Spelling Checker section.

Mr. Robinson commented he found Hexspell "a bit slow." No doubt with many programs to review he could not spend a long time with Hexspell—otherwise, he would have found it speeds up in use. Hexspell reorders its word list to bring the most-frequently used words to the front, where they are found fastest. This leads to a noticeable increase in speed. Hexspell was designed for people who wish to read through a document before sending it

out. As such, it runs only at the user's reading speed, and contains provisions to slow down.

The choice of a word list for a spelling checker is difficult. Mr. Robinson favors difficult-to-spell words in place of words like cat and dog. Some people would be upset to hear that such words are incorrect every time they run a spelling check. Mr. Robinson points out that all spelling checkers miss some obvious words. A large dictionary contains some 500,000 words, so even the largest TRS-80 spelling checker misses 85-90 percent of possible words.

Choosing the perfect word list is such a personal matter that Hexspell avoids it. Instead, Hexspell concentrates on adapting its original word list to the user's requirements. It does this by learning new words, and rearranging its list according to frequency of use.

While comparative reviews are useful they don't give the reviewer a chance to spend more time with a complex program.

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Dan Robinson Replies

Mr. Hughes has an excellent program in Hexspell 2, and I tried to convey that fact when describing the program's features in my review. Construction of the master word list and the spelling correction procedures are perhaps more a matter of taste and style than efforts towards some fixed goal.

Most of us wouldn't use the half-million words in a large dictionary, even if we knew them all. Our working vocabularies will be limited and rather similar, with the addition of professional words tucked away in an auxiliary file.

Hexspell begins with a shorter word list and tailors that list to the words that the writer uses most often. Hexspell also supports an auxiliary list of the user's words, which brings the total dictionary to the neighborhood of 50,000 words. Hexspell requires more effort on the part of the writer when he first uses the program in order to have a word list closely suited to the writer's needs. It's a fair exchange.

The question of speed is more a matter of how you produce documents. If all the writing is done as a batch and set

aside for proofing, one document after another, and then printed as a batch, stand-alone programs won't differ too greatly in speed. On the other hand, if you write the copy, check the spelling, and print it before going on to the next document, then a dictionary program integrated into the word processor is much faster—and more expensive.

Word list selection and the correction process are a matter of choice. Hexspell's other virtues, such as the ability to process numerical data and define foreign character sets, aren't found in any other program. Hexspell is a good program, and for many will be the first choice.

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More LP VII Articles

I purchased a Line Printer VII from Radio Shack and am most pleased with it. I read the article you published about it in your April 1982 issue, but I'm still in the dark about its complete operation. The manual supplied by Radio Shack is about as useful as most of their documentation.

I would like to see more articles giving practical applications and programs using the graphics mode to show its capabilities to the fullest.

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Trick Fix

Mike Keller's "Trick or TRS-80" (80 Micro, October 1982) is perfect for our haunted house display this Halloween. I did encounter a problem, though; my operating system defaults to three files. This causes M2\$ to occupy address 32768, which results in an overflow error. The solution: Specify less than three files.

Further modifications to the program included running it once to pack the strings, and deleting the remark and data lines. I moved F\$, M1\$, and M2\$ to lines 90-92 and deleted the GOSUB at line 90 also. As long as the program is not saved in ASCII format, all is well, although listing the program can be confusing, and LLISting it can drive your printer up the wall!

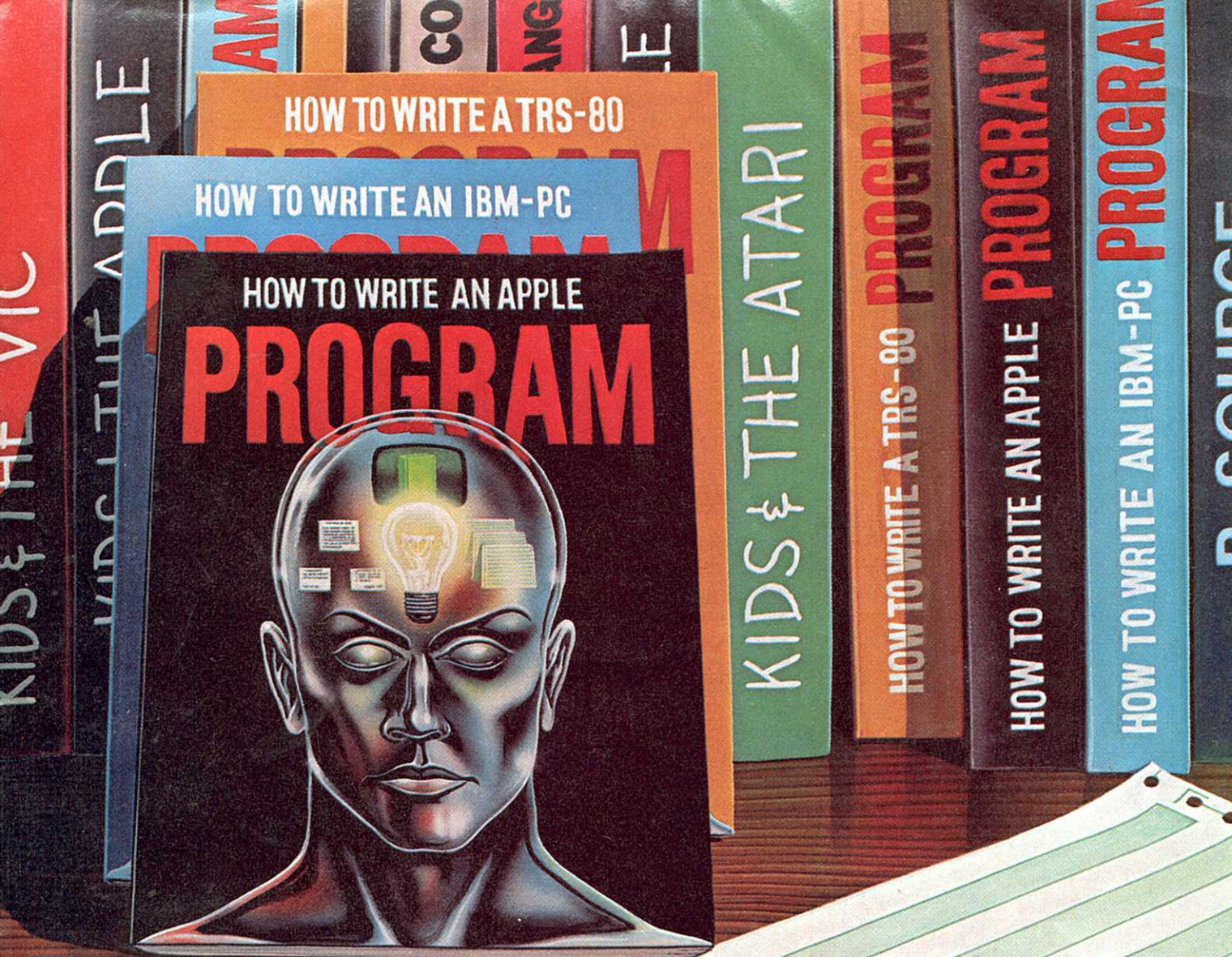
I added line 145 to prevent the face from scrolling off the screen: 145 IFF<

Error Trap

The DOSPLUS II Model II operating system, listed in our November 1982 New Products section, is a joint creation of PowerSOFT (11500 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 125, Dallas, TX 75229) and Micro-Systems Software Inc. (4301-18 Oak Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33431). PowerSOFT's contribution was inadvertently omitted.—Eds.

Regarding my Patch for Scrip Patch that you published in your October 1982 issue (Input, p. 22), I apologize for not being more explicit. The Basic address of 26347 wasn't a direct conversion from 66DFH (26335), which is what you printed. 26335 causes a load file format error.

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Thanks to Mr. Keller for a neat and timely program.

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A Horror Story

I ordered, from various suppliers, a Model III with 16K, an extra 32K of memory, a single Percom drive, and a Lynx modem. When I opened the computer I saw that I was not competent to install the drive and memory, so I put it back together and took it to a nearby Percom dealer. He installed the drive and the memory, and for a few weeks all was well. Then I began to have problems booting disks; a technician told me that it was probably the ribbon cable that connects the drive controller to the CPU board.

One night a thunderstorm struck; I had unplugged the power cords but didn't disconnect the telephone lines from the modem. The modem and the CPU were damaged. Emtrol Systems (the Lynx people), fixed the modem and didn't charge me a penny.

I took the computer to the non-Radio Shack technician and waited three weeks for a new CPU board. The board was bad; I waited again for a new board. It too was bad, or my computer had a mysterious problem. The non-Radio Shack technician was embarrassed to have had my computer for so long. If I had bought from Radio Shack, I could have had the damage fixed in a couple of days at the Computer Center. The resolution was satisfactory; they let me trade in my equipment for a new Model III with factory drives. So, for a few hundred dollars difference, I have a new machine and am rid of my headache. From now on Radio Shack will service my equipment.

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The Word Is Worth It

The "Word Machine" review (September 1982) is good for more than just "a few personal letters." My wife has done several papers using "The Word Machine" with a minimum of learning and no hassle. I have also used it and

found it more than adequate.

It is true that an under-\$50 word processor will not compete head-to-head with the big boys, but it doesn't destroy the budget. Maybe writers don't need this inexpensive tool, but many of us find such a program affordable and usable.

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Video Genie

I have a Video Genie, also known as the PMC-80, and which was subject to an article "What's a TRZ-80?" by Mr. Lindsay in your January 1982 issue.

The Genie is much improved over the model described by Mr. Lindsay. I wish he had described the hardware mod to make large characters controllable from software (OUT 255,8 won't do it, and PRINT CHR\$(23) leaves the size normal but double-spaces).

When you turn on the machine, it does not prompt Ready, but Ready?. The machine uses ports for cassettes and printer rather than memory latching, and the external cassette is not at Port FE. Port FE selects the cassette

drive, default is #1, but OUT 254,8 selects #2 (via the DIN socket) and OUT 254,0 selects #1, which is built into the machine.

The current Genie has a 1.5K ROM (from 3000H up) that adds a lowercase driver, a flashing repeating cursor, screen print, renumberer, and a machine-code monitor. This is the same area of RAM utilized by the Aculab ROM (the British equivalent of the ESF) so I've installed a switch to disable the internal ROM when I use the Aculab. There is also an internal amp and speaker for sound output via the cassette port.

In *80 Micro*, November 1981, "Customized Commands" by Mr. Rupert described a merge utility. I have converted this to a Basic routine that loads into System RAM unused by Model I non-disk machines and adds the commands. (see Program Listing 2).

Save—to close off the current Basic program in memory and allow another Basic program to be entered or loaded from cassette.

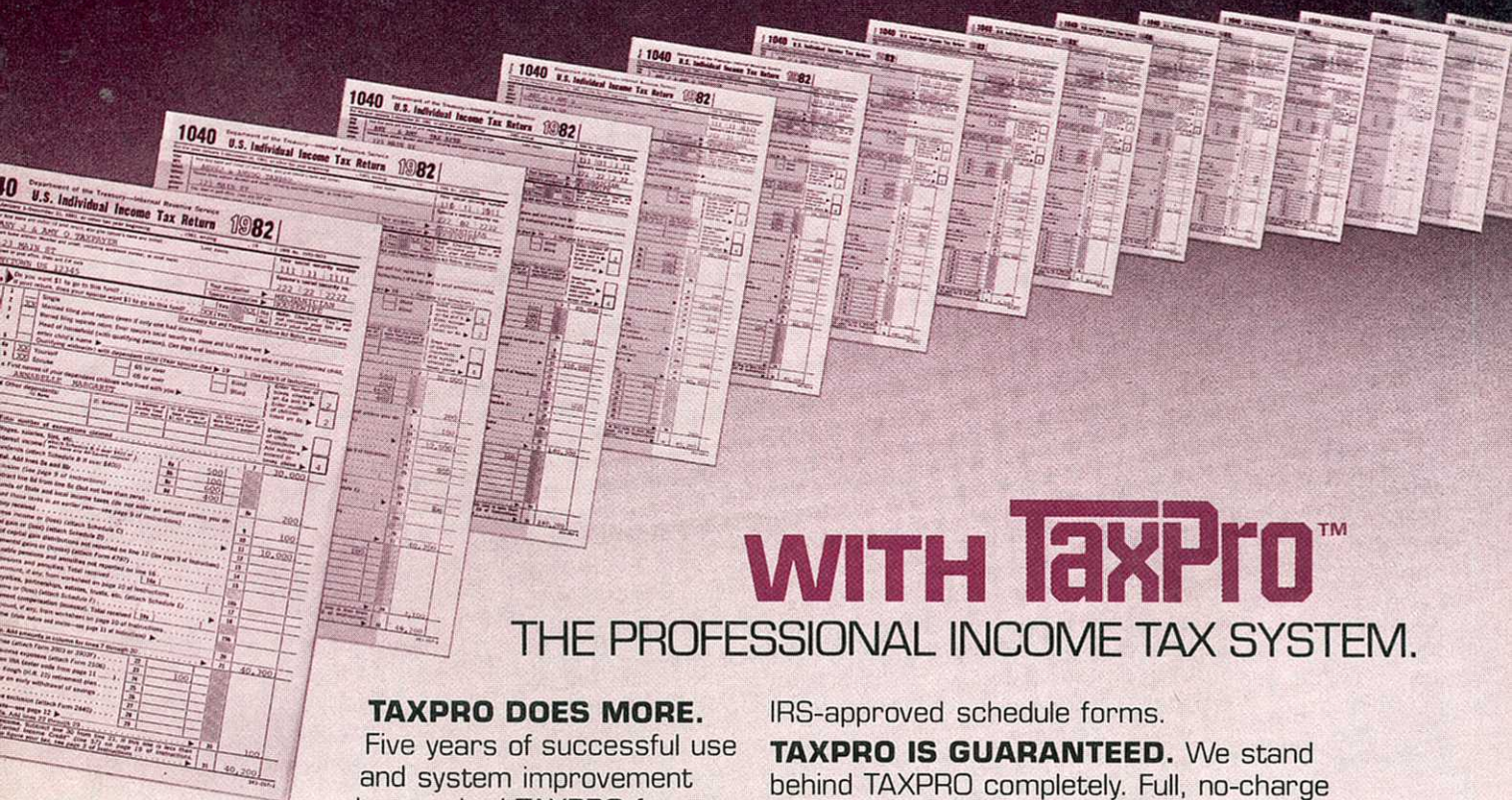
Merge—to append the last program to that previously saved.

RSET—Warm Boot, to reset memory size without initializing System RAM, useful if you wish to load a

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10 CLS
20 PRINT "To save the existing program in memory, enter 'SAVE'."
30 PRINT "Then 'CLOAD' the next program you wish to append to"
40 PRINT "the existing program. Ensure that the second program"
50 PRINT "has line numbers GREATER than the first program."
60 PRINT "The two programs are then joined by entering 'MERGE'."
70 PRINT "In addition 'RSET' will initiate the Memory Reserve process without initializing System RAM."
80 PRINT
90 PRINT "This routine does not occupy user RAM, but it is located"
100 PRINT "between 16477 (405DH) and 16510 (407EH) in System RAM."
110 POKE 16801,93:POKE 16802,64: 'Initialize SAVE.
120 POKE 16780,112:POKE 16781,64: 'Initialize MERGE.
130 POKE 16795,181:POKE 16796,0: 'Initialize RSET
140 POKE 16509,PEEK(16548):POKE 16510,PEEK(16549)
150 FOR I= 16477 TO 16505: 'Load M.C. routine.
160 READ X: POKE I,X: NEXT I
170 PRINT:PRINT:INPUT "Ready to continue, if so press 'NEWLINE'";X:NEW
180 DATA 42,164,64,237,99,125,64,42,249,64,43,43,237,99,164
190 DATA 64,195,114,0,42,125,64,237,99,164,64,195,114,0
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More Speed for Space Duel

I have a modification for Dave Edick's "Space Duel" (80 Micro, August 1981). In the original game the ship moves too slowly. My modification in Program Listing 3 will speed it up.

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More Modifications

Richard Straw's "JKL Minus Blanks" modification for NEWDOS + (80 Micro, September 1982, page 290) is a welcome addition. For those who have lowercase modifications in the Model I keyboard, the printer goes into a series of line feeds when it encounters the control code ASCII values used by video memory. This occurs because the ASCII values for the capital letters are shifted from 65-90 to 1-25.

A few extra instructions in the PRNT sequence fix the problem by testing to see if the ASCII value in the A register is less than 27, then converting if it is. I added three lines to the program (see Program Listing 4).

I also found that, changing the ORG in line 250 from FFDBH to FDCEH, I was able to use the ULCDVR lowercase driver that resides from FDD0 to FFFF in my

48K system. Otherwise, the two programs occupy the same memory area.

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Almost Satisfied

Let me express my satisfaction with your magazine and its contents.

May I suggest more coverage for the professionals in the software field who are using TRS-80s as their development tool?

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Scriplus Update

The Scriplus review (80 Micro, August 1982, page 101) was fair, although slightly ancient. To bring you up to date, the program now works on all the current DOSes for the Model I or III. The same disk boots on either machine, thanks to Kim Watt.

It is also compatible with all Scretsit versions, and can convert the Model I version 1.0 for use on the Model III. A sideline effect is that Scretsit's backup protection was removed for the user's convenience.

The program has also been updated to include chaining, killing, and merging of files from within Scriplus, as well as the alphabetized directory. A Pause command has been added to facilitate inserting a name in a form letter, or changing print wheels. Scriplus now includes details for use on the

Daisy Wheel II and other Radio Shack printers.

The Scriplus 3.0 disk is \$39.95; all previous owners can upgrade their older versions for only \$15, which includes the new, larger manual.

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Patching Service

Many thanks to Dan Robinson for the comparison of word processing products in the September issue. It must have been an exhaustive research effort.

Due to a recently announced change in version numbering policy by Lazy Writer's author, we are now offering our enhancements to that program in the form of a patching service. This allows us to keep up with changes in Lazy Writer that might not be reflected in the version number.

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Talking Down

I have enjoyed 80 Micro for several years, but especially Mr. Keynes' recent MONEY DOS articles. They have, however, an almost imperceptible Jehovah-like background air, and I get the feeling he is writing down to me.

This was particularly true in the recent article on commodities trading in which he says, in essence, "This is a good program but you should see the one I'm using (but you can't, goody, goody)!" He even emphasizes this on his WATS line encyclical when he proudly announces *his* modification is "not available at *any* cost." His stature would have been much taller had he not even mentioned his personal, unavailable, much superior modification.

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```
92 CC+CC+1, PRINT@832,E$;
100 IF PEEK(14400)=32 PO=PO-1
110 IF PEEK(14400)=64 PO=PO+1
123 IF PEEK(14337)=1 AND CC>2 THEN1000
```

Program Listing 3

```
360 PRNT LD A,(DE)
361 CP 27 ; TEST FOR ALPHABETIC/LC MOD
362 JR NC,PR2 ; GO IF NOT
363 ADD A,64 ; CONVERT TO STANDARD ASCII
370 CP 80H
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Program Listing 4

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Just in Time

The article "Cheaper Upgrade" was just in time.

I purchased a 16K RAM kit from an advertiser in *80 Micro*; getting the Extended Basic ROM was a little harder. I went to several Radio Shack Computer Stores while on vacation in Tampa and St. Petersburg, and locally in Lexington, KY. They all said no to my purchase of a ROM chip.

The local Radio Shack franchise, however, was more than happy to order it for me, and kept after the back order until it arrived 3½ weeks later. I installed it with the article's help and everything worked fine.

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Fatal Error?

What would you say if a friend asked you to wrap a bare wire around your wrist and then plug the other end into a wall outlet? I'm sure the answer wouldn't be printable here.

Well, in the article "Cheaper Upgrade," author Richard Tucker suggests just that. Although he does specify the grounded side of the outlet, I would hate to think of the results from a poorly wired outlet or deteriorated wiring. A quick check with a ground fault indicator would help, but I think a smart move would be to clamp the wire to a water pipe. Other than that small (but possibly fatal) error I enjoyed the article.

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TRSDOS 1.3 Zaps

I would like to provide the following zaps to TRSDOS 1.3 for the Model III.

To provide a 30ms track stepping rate

DRS	RB	Existing byte	New byte
2	9F	0C	0B
3	AE	0C	0B
3	DC	1C	1B
13	9D	0C	0B
35	30	0C	0B
35	63	0C	0B
36	49	1C	1B
38	6A	58	5B

Table 1

you must change the nine bytes listed below. Following Apparat's Superzap format, the disk relative sector (DRS) is in decimal and the relative byte (RB) of the sector is in hex (see Table 1). The zaps can be applied using Superzap or the debug facility of TRSDOS.

While making zaps, you might want the error messages printed on the screen instead of the error code and then having to ask for the error message to be printed. All it takes is a one-byte zap. On DRS 304, RB 2C you will find the

byte to be 20H. Zap this to 18H.

If we do not want to input the date or time on power up, it will take a six-byte zap—three bytes for the date and three bytes for the time. On DRS 12, beginning at RB 70H, you will find 21 3B 51. Change this to C3 2E 4F. This takes care of the date. For the time, at DRS 12, relative byte BA, you will find 21 54 51. Zap this to C3 2E 4F.

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Thanks Mr. B.

After reading my article "The Colorful Computer—Part II," Alexander Benenson kindly called an error to my attention. The Draw command could only produce a restricted number of angles (eight). The following is a short program suggested by Mr. Benenson to illustrate the further capabilities of Draw.

```
10 PMODE 3,1: PCIS : SCREEN 1,1
20 DRAW "BM 128,96 M + 12, -16
M + 12, +16 L25"
30 GOTO 30
```

This draws an equilateral triangle near the center of the screen. Draw becomes even more powerful than I realized. Mr. Benenson also suggested a technique I was not aware of. Instead of using DRAW "BM" + STR\$(X) + "," + STR\$(Y) + \$\$ where X and Y are the coordinates of the starting point, the following can be used instead: POKE 200, X : POKE 202, Y : DRAW \$\$.

My thanks to Mr. Benenson.

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Escape from the Maze

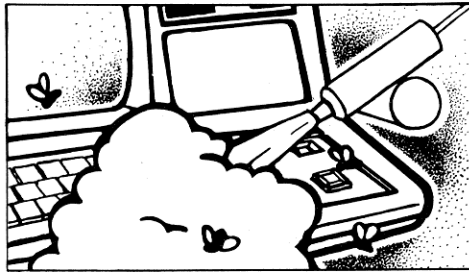
Daniel Phillips wrote in the May Input column that he couldn't get out of Roy Green's "SuperMaze" (80 Micro, March 1982, p. 148). I had the same problem until I changed line 960 as follows: 960 IF X = A(101) AND D = 2 THEN 1100.

*Roger Bury
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Wiping Up Halloween

After typing and editing Mike Keller's "Trick or TRS-80" program (80 Micro, October 1982) I found that moving the face toward the left of the screen leaves a trail of blanks from the lower right corner of the mouth. Not wanting my ghoul to drool, I began to search for the demon that haunted my program. A thorough examination of the program solved the mystery.

To cure Jack's salivations, add one



Fixes for flaws

additional asterisk to line 470, and change the following lines to read:

```
490 FOR X=START TO START + 217:
READ CHAR: POKE X, CHAR: NEXT X
760 MIS = RIGHT$(F$, 62)
```

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Missing Delete

I forgot to include the delete function when I wrote my Do-It-Yourself Data Base. I wish I could say it happened in the 80 Micro editorial offices but it evidently slipped into the bit bucket under my own desk. My apologies to all—especially to those who wrote to me asking "Where is it?"

Insert lines 5000-5030 into the program.

```
5000 INPUT "ENTER RECORD
NUMBER TO BE DELETED.":SN
5010 IF SN = -1 THEN RETURN
5020 DA(SN,0) = "D"
5030 GOTO 5000
```

Operation consists of entering the record number to be deleted each time the prompt appears. The record number to be deleted comes from a print of the records. When all records have been deleted, enter -1 to return to the menu.

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16K Screen Veil

Mike Keller's "Screen Veil" program (80 Micro, September 1982, p. 286),

written for a Model I, states, "The NEWDOS80 calls are compatible with the Model III." This is true, except for one call; line 00141 of his listing should read:

```
447B 00141 INSERT EQU 447BH;
```

instead of:

```
4410 00141 INSERT EQU 4410H;
```

Also change the ORG address in line 121 to FB00H (64256). This makes the entire routine usable by 16K machines.

*David Rinaman
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Grafrax Fix

As an Epson MX-80 owner, I was excited about Thomas McNamee's "Grafrax 80" (80 Micro, September 1982, p. 190). After entering the program listings, certain bugs appeared that can be traced to the way the Model I and Model III handle certain print codes. I have no doubt that the program works just fine on a Model III, but the following revisions should be made to Program Listing 1 to correct for the Model I hanging up on LPRINT CHR\$(0), CHR\$(10), CHR\$(11), and CHR\$(12):

```
530 LPRINT CHR$(125);"";CHR$(27)
"L";POKE 14312,CC:LPRINTCHR$(8);
540 FORT=1TOCC: IFG(T)=0 OR
G(T)=10 OR G(T)=11 OR G(T)=12
THEN POKE14312,G(T) ELSE LPRINT
CHR$(G(T));: NEXT
```

Program Listing 2 should also be modified as follows:

```
50 LPRINTCHR$(27)"K"CHR$(L);:
LPRINTCHR$(8);
80 IFA=0 OR A=10 OR A=11 OR A=12
THEN POKE14312,A ELSE LPRINT
CHR$(A);
```

These changes correct the hang-up problem.

For those with disk drives who don't like to type endless lines of data statements, sending the array G(T) to an appropriate sequential access file (OPEN "O",1,"DATA/DAT": PRINT #1, CC - 1: FOR T=1 TO CC: PRINT#1,G(T): NEXT T : CLOSE) permits the use of the data directly in

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DEBUG

another program without having to
enter the data. Note that the first item
in the file is the number of characters
(CC-1) so appropriate DIM G(CC-1)
statements can be made.

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Survey Fix

I've made some corrections and im-
provements to my "Survey" program
(80 Micro, June/July 1982). In the
loader program LOADFILE/BAS,
page 252, change line 170 to 170 IF EOF
(1) THEN N=1 : GOTO 210.

In lines 230, 290, and 470, change the
variable N to (N-1). Be sure to include
the extra set of parentheses. Finally, in-
sert the line 415 IF F=1 then 430. These
changes correct the count for the
numbers entered.

In the main program "Survey" (page
249), change line 460 to 460
INPUT“(N)EXT, (S)TOP, OR
(ENTER) TO PLACE CALL”;A\$.
Add the following line to allow a grace-
ful exit: 475 IF LEFT\$(A\$,1) = "S"
THEN PUT #1,NN:CLOSE:END, and
add 485 IF LEFT\$(TN\$(X),3) = " "
THEN TN\$(X) = RIGHT\$(TN\$(X),7)
to allow seven-digit calls to be placed
correctly.

Rodger Wells

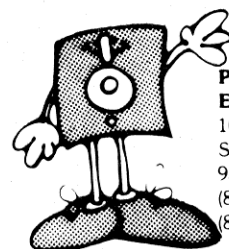
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Smith-Corona and Scripsit

I have a Model I and am thinking of buying the new Smith-Corona TP-1 printer as the letter-quality output for my Scripsit system. I tried the printer on a similar system at the dealer and found that the line-spacing command ($>LS=2$) did not work. The printer ignored the command and did not print the text double-spaced. I like the printer and would like to buy it. Does anyone know the cause and cure for this problem?

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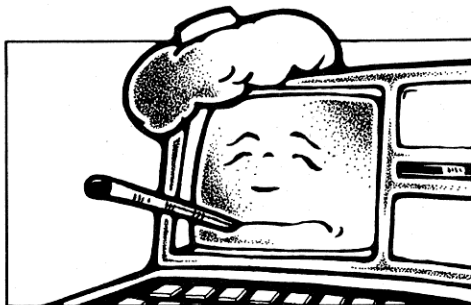
I have a Model I Level II and am interested in voice synthesis. Has anyone found a way to synthesize speech without a voice synthesizer? If you know how to do this in Basic, please write.

Is there anyone under 15 who would like a computer pen pal? I am 12 years old.

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Needs Patch

We use Radio Shack's VisiCalc (Cat. #26-1566) on our Model I, Level II 48K with two Radio Shack 35-track disk drives and a keyboard modified for true lowercase operation. We have an Epson MX-80 printer (connected to the printer



port on the Expansion Interface). Electric Pencil runs perfectly.

Much of our work requires column and row labels. Does anyone have a patch or program to allow upper and lowercase output to the printer and screen? We have NEWDOS80 and NEWDOS PLUS as well as TRSDOS.

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Governmental GL

I am in search of a governmental general-ledger program for our small city's three disk Model II. All available GL programs are business-oriented with sales, cost of sales, and so on.

Governmental accounting deals with budget revenue, expense, cost centers, and nonrelated fund groups. I am reluctant to attempt to translate a business-oriented program to this governmental requirement; I might end up with an unusable product.

Is there anyone who can help me with this problem?

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Orchestrating Language

I have a Model I and an Orchestra-80 board. Does anyone know how to use this board directly with Assembly language?

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Study at Home

I have a Model III with two disk drives and would like to find individual disk or cassette programs for my chil-

dren to practice math by grade levels for home use (grades 5-12 not inclusive).

Does anyone know where I can find this kind of software?

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LEX 11 Schematic

I purchased a LEX 11 modem, made by the Lexicon Corp., Miami, FL. I wrote to Lexicon requesting a schematic, which was rejected. The reason for the rejection, they just don't supply any information.

I can understand not supplying schematics while in warranty, but the unit is out of warranty and requires modifications I cannot make without a schematic.

Can anyone help me find a schematic?

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Network Aid

We have just installed two Network 3 systems with 18 Model IIIs, and are interested in compiling a list and communicating with other educators using the Network 3.

We would also like to know if there is a Pascal compiler capable of working with this configuration. As usual, not enough information is available on NBasic, which is part of the system. Any information on NBasic would be appreciated.

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Needs a Password

I would like to get a copy of the 1793 Floppy Disk Controller Manual (about the 1793 FDC in the Model III) by Western Digital.

Also, what is Basic's password in TRSDOS 1.2 or 1.3 for the Model III? I would like to write programs that interact with Basic, but need to disassemble it first.

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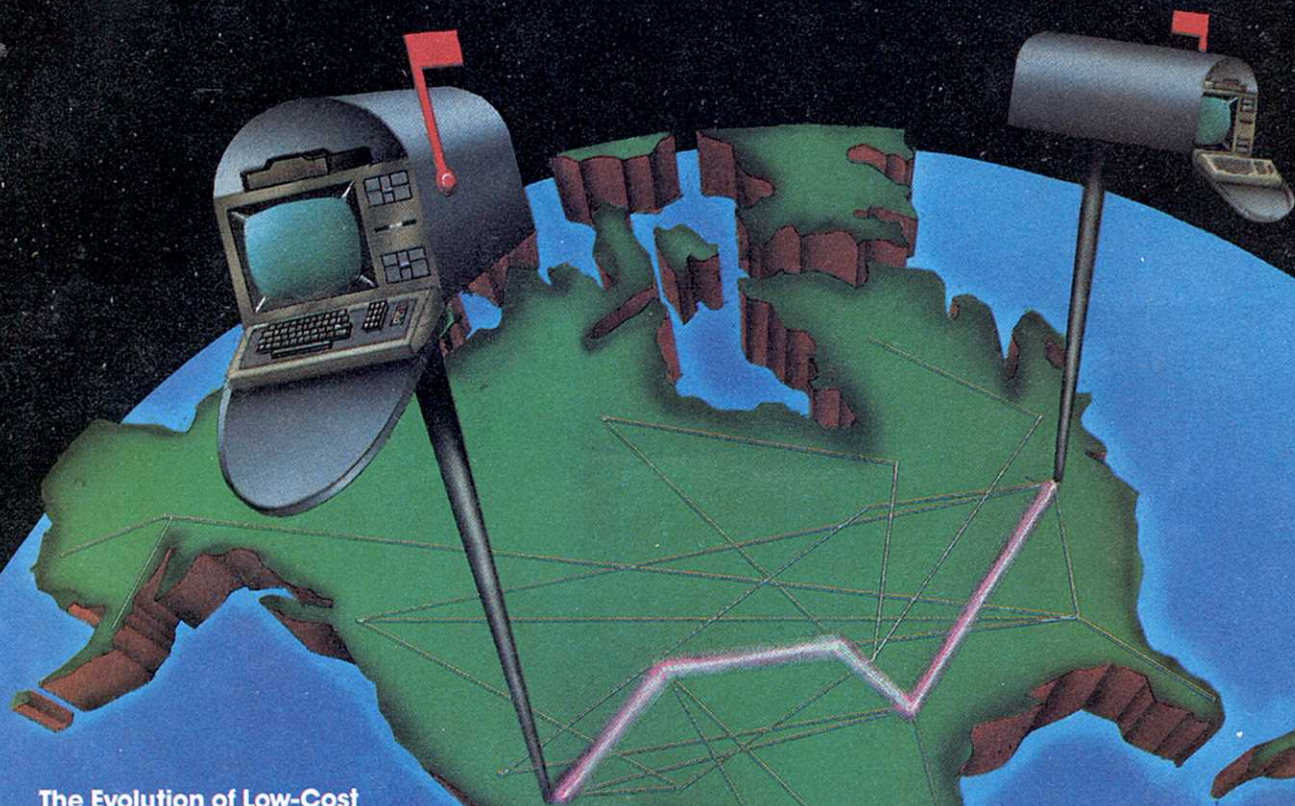
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(Jake Commander, 80 Micro's technical consultant, is visiting his native England after a two and one half year absence.)

When the TRS-80 Color Computer hit the U.S. market in 1980, you could buy it for less than \$400. Not so when it hit the British market. Those curious chieftains at Tandy UK decided to foist it on a destitute populace for £439—about \$750.

But, Tandy doesn't have the market to itself any longer. There's a toy firm called Mettoy based in Wales, see. And this clever entrepreneur named Richard Wadman convinced them to look at the possibility of manufacturing a 6809-based computer. They looked. They liked.

Mr. Wadman was not a dullard. He knew that the 6809, being a Motorola chip, would be in its element in a setup involving other Motorola chips, such as a color video display generator. And wouldn't it work oh so well with a Motorola synchronous address multiplexer?

Mr. Wadman didn't stop there, either. How about having Microsoft take care of the extended Basic in ROM? No problem. How about making the cartridge pinout the same as the TRS-80 color machine? Of course. How about 32K as standard? Naturally. And a real keyboard? And plenty of software? And a parallel printer output? And a price of £200 (about \$360)? Bye-bye Tandy Color Computer.

The name of this little giant killer of a color computer might strike fear into the hearts of many executives in Texas. It is called The Dragon, which is the national symbol of Wales, where 1,500 of these beasts are cranked out every week.

Come on, computer experts. You should see a pattern emerging here. The situation is remarkably similar to one that existed a few years ago.

In 1976, you could go to a Radio Shack store in the United States and buy a wonderful new gadget called a 4K Model I Level I TRS-80 for \$400. You could get away with an el cheapo cassette recorder for storage, and it wasn't too difficult to get an electronics nut to convert the portable TV to a TV/monitor. Up and running for \$400—not a bad deal. I'm convinced that Radio Shack owes its success with the TRS-80 to this relatively painless way of



A dragon threatens Tandy

getting hooked into microcomputing.

Meanwhile, what was happening on the other side of the pond, back in the United Kingdom? Not a lot. While America was devouring all it could get, Tandy UK was preparing for its part in the TRS-80 success story. Unfortunately, it seems that Tandy UK management wasn't using its brains.

Instead of giving the less affluent British people a chance to buy a micro for £200 (the exchange rate at that time), Tandy hit Joe Public smack in the face with a bill for about £500.

Importing that American technology must have been costing Tandy UK a lot of money. Or, more likely, Tandy UK was making a fortune.

In the UK, the system came complete with a Tandy monitor and a Tandy cassette recorder whether you liked it or not. Just to rub it in, the cassette recorder was the type that left magnetic glitches on your program or data whenever you stopped it with the remote on/off.

Good deal, eh what? Commodore proceeded to wipe the floor with Tandy, and that blasted PET machine became a

dominant force in a large part of Europe.

Tandy should have learned from the experience, but it didn't. Here comes the TRS-80 Color Computer (a year late), and I'm already getting a sense of déjà vu. As the PET did a few years ago, The Dragon could also leave the Tandy management with its mouth hanging open.

I'm not saying Tandy UK will have its nose rubbed in it yet again. I don't have to, do I? It's going to happen whether I say it or not. Tandy is already doing the usual things—dropping the price and introducing a more aggressive marketing campaign. Tandy will no doubt rip The Dragon to pieces, accuse Mr. Wadman of stealing their design, and try to sue him.

I've met Mr. Wadman, and, as I've said, he's no idiot. He used the Motorola setup as used in the TRS-80 Color Computer, designed his own input/output circuitry, and placed it in his own box with 32K and a high-quality keyboard. The Dragon will withstand any scrutiny Tandy cares to give it. Sorry boys, you'll have to try harder.

Just in case the boys at Fort Worth are feeling sorry for their British counterparts, I can gleefully tell them that The Dragon will be in America at the start of 1983. I've been told the target price is \$350 for the U.S. market. Mr. Wadman wouldn't divulge where it will be sold, but he said it will be in a big chain store that "has a big catalog."

The Dragon is likely to scorch some profits at Tandy, whether UK or stateside. I can't wait to watch the feathers fly. (See related story on page 370.)

Escaping Depression

Gloom. Gloom and despondency seem to be the operative words here. More than 3 million people unemployed in a nation of 55 million. Unemployment continues to climb.

From the gathering gray clouds overhead to the dwindling gray crowds at the pub, there's a gloomy acceptance of the whole situation. Statistics from major breweries show that people aren't buying as many drinks as they used to. If the British are staying away from the pubs, something has to be exceptionally wrong.

However, microcomputing seems to

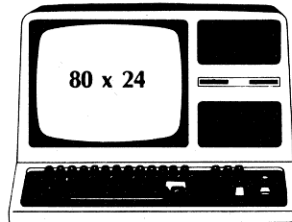
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Not only are microcomputers doing well, but the video industry's growth has been exponential since I was last here. (The two industries aren't as unrelated as you might think—they both involve the sale of hardware and software.) Every other hardware store is running its own video library, causing fierce competition on High Street with many overzealous traders going broke. But, all in all, the video business has blossomed, and a video recorder is almost as common a household item as a color TV.

Why are these two industries growing so rapidly amidst all the financial depression? Well, I've formed a little theory.

We might be going back to the caves—in a high tech way, of course. Back to the three-bedroomed, semi-detached suburban retreat equipped with TV, video equipment, and, in a healthy number of cases, a microcomputer.

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When we left Eugene and headed south on Route 5, I had visions of San Francisco dancing in my head. We would set up the Cafe somewhere in Berkeley, bask in the sun, and rake in the dough. So when I woke up one morning to find ourselves in the middle of a God-forsaken desert, I was understandably upset.

Mad Max had been driving for 36 consecutive hours and when I looked into his eyes and saw little white rabbits hopping around, I knew we were in trouble. "Neon," he whispered. "Neon and phosphor. Microcosmic oneness. Hey Stella, put back those ash trays. Hit me, hit me, hit me..."

He paused, and stared wildly at the vast sandy wasteland that threatened to swallow us. Then he screamed, "Blackjack!"

And I knew where he was taking us: Las Vegas.

I was about to voice my objections when suddenly a hitchhiker appeared from nowhere on the side of the road. Max swung the van over and the fellow, dressed in a three-piece suit and carrying an umbrella, hopped in.

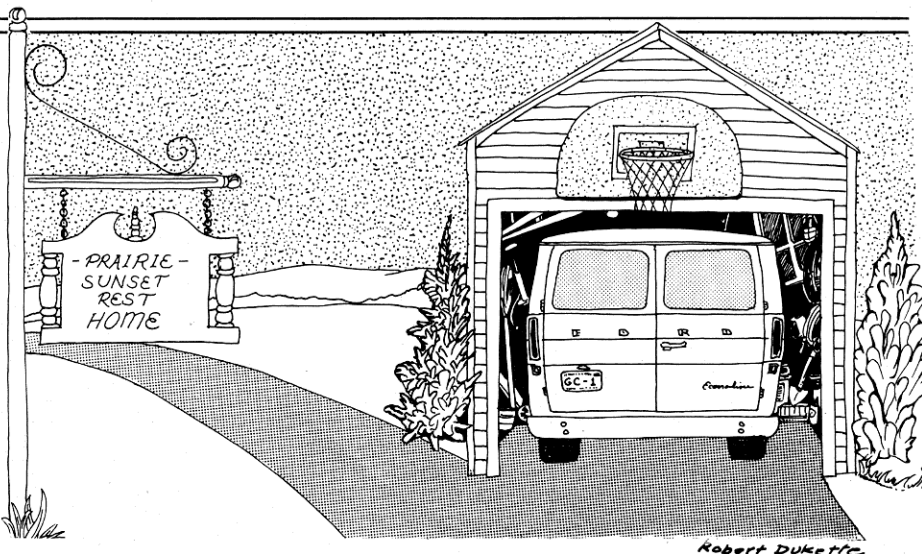
"Hi," he said. "I'm Jackson Dott, marketing coordinator at Microcomputer Games, a division of Avalon Hill. Want some information on our latest games?"

"Gee, I guess so," I said.

He then proceeded to tell us all about Fredericksburg, Close Assault, and Diplomacy, all due for release this month.

Fredericksburg is a two-player Civil War game, giving Generals Ambrose Burnside and Robert E. Lee a rematch to see whether Burnside can avenge the famous Union defeat. Close Assault is a one- or two-player World War II game, featuring hand-to-hand and infantry combat and other war-like stuff. Both are actually board games, with the computer handling combat resolution.

Diplomacy is a whirl of pre-WWI alliance-forming and backstabbing. I said it sounded like you needed a diabolical



mind to play it. Dott agreed. Max merely gurgled.

"By the way," I said. "Have you guys gotten any negative feedback on V.C., that microcomputer game of operational-level combat in Vietnam?"

"Not at all," he replied. "If you play the game, you'll find out it portrays any type of guerrilla warfare. And the idea is to make friends with civilians, not to kill. Say, can you pull over here? This is where I get off."

We stopped and he climbed out.

"Thanks for the lift, fellas," he said as he started to walk into the desert.

Winthrop had been sulking ever since Eugene, when Mad Max came aboard and cleaned Winthrop's clock in Sea Dragon. He'd taken to playing endless games of Black Death on our PMC Model 1/2, sucking on oolong tea and eating dry Cap'n Crunch. I was worried about his teeth, which were beginning to grow moss.

It happened shortly after we pulled into Las Vegas (or Lost Vagrants, as Max calls it). Winthrop booted up Sea Dragon in a final desperate attempt to overtake Max. Unfortunately, he didn't know that I'd accidentally spilled some Milk of Magnesia on the disk, creating several horrendous bugs. Suddenly, Winthrop's torpedoes were bouncing off ships and attacking his subs. When he surfaced for air, his supply decreased. Every time he hit the down arrow, his sub blew up. The final straw came when the nuclear reactor turned into a smile face and started whistling the theme song to "Leave It to Beaver."

Winthrop fled the van screaming. We chased him into Caesar's Palace, pick-

ing up his clothes as we went along. We finally caught him at one of the crap tables, but not before he'd swallowed the dice and thrown everybody's chips all over the room. Needless to say, the police took him away in a rubber truck.

Well, it turned out that the city attorney owned a Model I, and we were able to strike a deal. We gave him all our Big Five games, and he agreed to put Winthrop in the Prairie Sunset Rest Home instead of the slammer. And that's where he is now, pushing the nurse call button and yelling, "Dive! Dive!"

A short time later, I was at the poker table looking at a straight flush I didn't have when a waiter came up with a telephone. It was Soft Sector Marketing calling to tell me about three new games they've got scheduled for release this month.

Sneak Thief is Larry Ashmun's first totally original arcade game. You defend the gold treasure on an alien planet (as most of them are), zapping aliens (what else?), or dragging them off to jail (no rest homes here). Vexus is a 3-D arcade game from Factory Programming in which you pilot a spaceship through a tube in the sky, shooting down aliens as they approach. And Rally, also from Factory Programming, simulates driving a race car through a graphics maze, picking up flags and being pursued by "villainous cars" (their words). All three are Alpha or TRSSTICK joystick-compatible.

The folks at Soft Sector also want everybody to know that Color Computer versions of Alien Defense and (probably) Caterpillar are on their way.

When the waiter came to take the

phone, I noticed something suspiciously familiar about him.

"Say," I said, "Aren't you the former Boston Red Sox second baseman Pumpsie Green?"

"No," he said, and walked away.

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When I got back to the van, I knew immediately that something was wrong, because the van wasn't there—only Mad Max, our two Pocket Computers, and the PMC. It took a while to get the truth from Max, who was air-guitaring to Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child" wafting from a GTO waiting at a stop light, but it turned out that he'd lost the van in a crap-shoot with the head nurse at Prairie Sunset.

Well, we had enough money for a cheap motel room, and one sole remaining disk with Galaxy Invasion on it, so we figured that life could be worse. We could be in San Francisco, soaking up the sun and making lots of money. Who needs that kind of aggravation? ■

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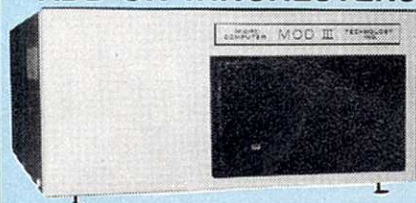
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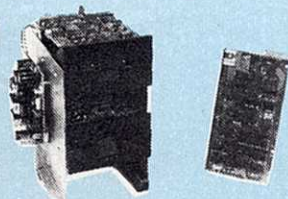
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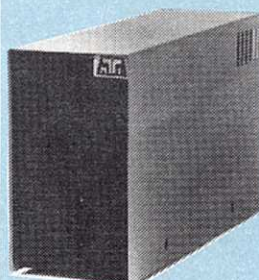
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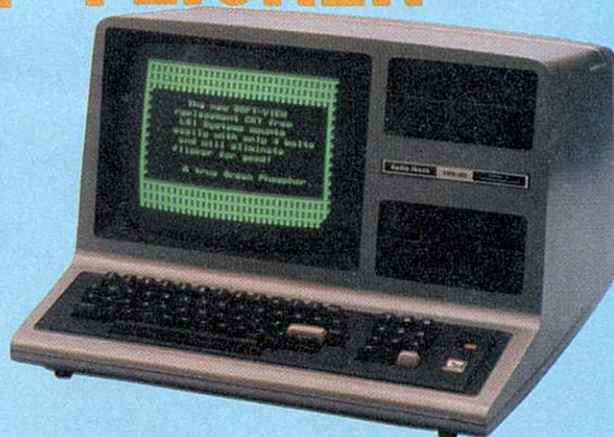
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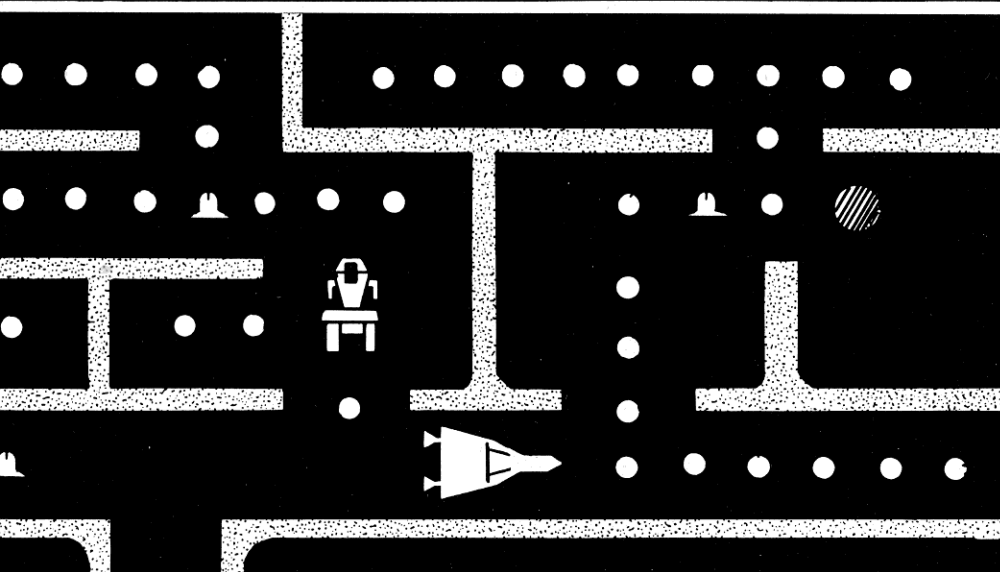


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by **Kerry Leichtman**

If a game clone is to be successful, it must imitate the original's good points, and add a few new twists of its own. Pac-Droids does just that. This new Programmer's Guild game is the best Pac-Man clone I've seen for the Color Computer.

The object of play is the same as the original game; you run around a maze gobbling up dots, energizer pellets, and drones. Rather than being a smiley face profile, you command a blue spaceship. Your enemies, the red drones and a blue drone robot, attempt to converge upon your ship until you eat an energizer pellet. Then they become scarce.

The game is more difficult than Pac-Man, and as a result more fun. The blue drone robot occasionally leaves dangerous droppings, called mines, in the maze. Running into one of these droppings will destroy your ship, as will taking on the powerful blue drone robot itself.

You are supplied with a weapon to use against these killers—the super bomb. Used properly, the super-bomb will destroy the blue drone and its mines. But the super bomb is not all

that discreet—it will also blow away your energy pellets. The super bomb will destroy everything in its path until hitting a force field (maze wall). So, if within one corridor you are faced with a charging blue drone, one of its mines, and your last energy pellet, close your eyes and take your fate. If you super-bomb your last energy pellet, you've also super-bombed your only hope in fighting the red drones.

You start the game with three ships and three super bombs. You can use all three super bombs with any one ship, but I don't recommend it. According to the documentation you get an extra ship and an additional super bomb for every 10,000 points. You also get a new maze for every 10,000 points, with a maximum of four different mazes. I can't verify that first-hand for reasons I'd rather not discuss. But I do know that if you use all three super-bombs, say, with your first ship, and then that ship gets destroyed, your next ship is likely to encounter a rejuvenated blue robot drone and its mines—with no super bombs to defend itself.

Charles Forsythe's use of the Color Computer's main attribute, color, is to be applauded. The monitor is alive with color, especially the title page. While I was researching (playing) for this review, many people stopped to watch the display (and laugh at my ineptness). The sound is less exciting. In fact, I kept turning the volume down to lessen the barrage.

A minor complaint is the seemingly slow reaction time when opting for keyboard input rather than joysticks. Your ship is more likely to be tracked

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down by the enemy when using the arrow keys than when directing movements with a joystick.

Another complaint, less minor, is that you only get three attempts before the game is over. Now I can understand the greed of arcade machines when they limit your play to three chances for a quarter. I remember getting five balls for a dime on pinball machines and three plays for a quarter. (And my father remembers the nickel movie.) But the point is, if no one is interested in machine turnover, why not allow for more than three plays a game?

For little kids the three-tries-you're-out is okay, because they take the time to master the play. But for an aging editor like me who didn't practice by dropping \$20 a week into Pac-Man, three tries is too few to get anywhere. I'm sure I'll never see the other three mazes. My highest score was 7,400. 10,000? Bah, humbug!

Complaints aside, Pac-Droids is one of the better games available for the Color Computer. ■

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***Bits 'n Bytes About Computing:
A Computer Literacy Primer***
by **Rachelle S. Heller &
C. Dianne Martin**
Computer Science Press
11 Taft Court
Rockville, MD 20850
Hardcover, 174 pp.
\$17.95

by **Mary Gasiorowski**

As you read this page, stop for a moment and think about those who can't read—the illiterate—those who can't deal with the written word.

There are many more who can't deal with or understand computers—the computer illiterate. At a time when our lives are becoming increasingly computerized—from our alarm clocks, washing machines, and automobiles to our businesses—it is increasingly important that people understand what computers can and cannot do, how to use them, and the implications of computer use on our society. *Bits 'n Bytes About Computing: A Computer Literacy Primer* addresses this problem.

Bits 'n Bytes was written for the classroom teacher to serve as a source, and perhaps as a textbook. It covers a broad range of topics: what is computer literacy, where did computers come from, how do computers work, what computers can do for us, and how computers will affect our lives. Each chapter is organized into content, a list of key ideas (vocabulary words), a set of activities (including information on the purpose of the activity, and the materials and time required for each), and a list of related readings for teachers and students. In addition, an appendix includes a software evaluation checklist to help teachers evaluate educational programs for the computer. An extensive index aids in relocating specific topics or other references.

Computer literacy is a topic that can be introduced (to a varying degree of depth) at any age. However, there are few books that can be used at the elementary level. *Bits 'n Bytes* is one of those few. As a source book, it provides background material for the teacher, who can then decide how much to present to the students.

The broad range of activities can be used from elementary through junior high-school classes. The activities and

related readings are the best features of the book. The lists of related readings at the end of each chapter are extensive and varied, covering all aspects of computers, their history, and their use and misuse, and are clearly marked as to their intended audience (teacher, student, or both).

Some sample activities from the book include:

- making a scrapbook of the materials you collect about computers;
- writing a short story or poem that describes how you feel about computers;
- making a history time line showing the important events in computing history;
- making your own simple calculator using three wooden gears;
- preparing an oral report and poster about the use of computers in some area of life; and
- collecting want ads to see what computer-related jobs are being offered and what the qualifications are.

Bits 'n Bytes does not cover a specific programming language, as many introductory books do. The authors feel there are already many good programming books available, and more importantly, they did not want to commit their book to a particular language. This leaves the choice of a language—Basic, Pascal, Logo, or any other—to the discretion of the teacher or the situa-

tion of the system available.

Computer literacy has been defined by the National Science Foundation and the Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium as knowing how computers work, the step-by-step technique for problem solving, social implications, being aware of computer applications, having a historical perspective on computers and future trends, and a person's attitudes toward computers. *Bits 'n Bytes* was written to address these topics. The authors admit, however, that on some topics they present a byte (a larger unit) of information, while on other topics, only a bit (the smallest unit). Don't expect to teach from this book alone!

Computer literacy is becoming a critical issue, and two important aspects of teaching the subject need to be summarized here. Computer literacy must be addressed to all ages. *Bits 'n Bytes*, as a source book, meets that challenge because it includes material for all ages and it leaves the presentation to the teacher. In addition, there is much to learn about using computers effectively and avoiding their misuse. It would be nice to have all that information in a single book; but that book does not yet exist. *Bits 'n Bytes*, with its thoughtfully prepared list of activities and related readings, is a very good place to start. ■

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by **Scott L. Norman**

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C.C. Mailer

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While C.C. Mailer is available on cassette, disk systems are far superior for the file manipulation required by this sort of program. Although dual disk drives give you even more freedom, most of my comments will specifically relate to single-disk operation.

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drive is available, capacity will be reduced because of the need to reserve space for the operation of the sorting option.

A fresh disk contains four programs: Mail, a short loader; C.C. Mailer itself; SORTCOM, the sorting routine; and Copy2, which is used to copy files in a two-drive system. C.C. Merger is an optional fifth program on the disk.

The user's first task is to make a back-up for a working copy. Since file control is manual, with the data file name being defined in the program, you have to make a fresh back-up disk for every address file. As far as the program is concerned, all data files are called CCMAILER/DAT.

You begin by running the Mail program. If there is a data file on the disk, it is automatically loaded at this point; if not, you will be prompted for a title for your new file. This will be displayed on subsequent listings and data requests. You are also asked to specify the date; C.C. Mailer keeps track of the last update, a rather professional feature. At this point, the main menu comes up:

- (U) UPDATE THE FILE
- (P) PRINT A FILE REPORT
- (L) PRINT LABELS
- (S) SORT THE FILE
- (E) EXTRACT FROM THE FILE
- (F) UPPER/LOWERCASE CONVERSION
- (Q) QUIT AND RETURN TO BASIC

The U option is used to build a file and to add, change, or delete records. A second-level menu guides you through the options. The data-entry/change screen identifies the fields by number. The 11 fields are:

- Title: limited to six characters, so MR&MRS will just fit.
 - First Name and Middle Initial: 15 spaces.
 - Last Name: 20 spaces.
 - First Line of Address: 25 spaces.
 - Second Line of Address: 20 spaces.
- Two lines are handy for specifying apartment numbers, company names, and so on. If this field is not used, it will print as a blank line on mailing labels, but C.C. Merger will delete it in the address portion of a form letter.
- City: 13 spaces, two positions allowed (e.g., New York can be written with a space).
 - State: Use the two-character abbreviations.

● Zip Code: Use the old five-digit codes. A nice feature is the disk program runs a consistency check on the zip code and the state abbreviation, and notifies you if there is a mismatch. You can ignore the message and proceed, which is handy for preliminary storage of data when you may not know the zip and want to leave the field blank.

● Telephone Number: 12 spaces, so you can't use parentheses around the area code. I use a single hyphen to separate it from the exchange.

● Code Field 1: Five spaces, with each treated as a separate one-character field for selection purposes.

● Code Field 2: Five spaces, treated as one field.

Data entry is easy; the command line prompts you for each field in turn. You can backspace and correct the field you're working on, but once it is entered, you must complete work on the record before the option to change anything becomes available again.

When using the Change or Delete suboptions of Update, you can identify the record in question by last name, or by one or both code fields. The codes are also used in doing selective printing, and generally add to C.C. Mailer's power and flexibility.

Code field 2 is pretty simple; think of it as a five-character, free-form keyword. You can search for any substring in this field, provided it is at least two characters long. To paraphrase an example from the documentation, if C.C. Mailer is used to maintain the membership list of some organization, then code field 2 might contain the month and year when each member joined, perhaps in the form MM/YY. If you wanted to identify everyone who became a member in 1980, you could just search for the substring /80.

Code field 1 enables you to encode status information about five categories, each having a distinct position in the field. When you specify the "mask"—the pattern—for searches on this field, you can indicate a "don't care" condition for any position with characters you know would not appear in the actual codes. For example, each position in code field 1 of our hypothetical membership list might contain either an A or an I to indicate active or inactive status in five specified activities. Should you wish to identify members participating in activities one and four, regardless of their other interests, then

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the search mask might be A**A*.

As I mentioned above, every time you employ the code fields for a search, you are given the option of specifying whether a match should be found on either field, or both. That is, you can AND or OR the search criteria.

It is a good idea to sort the file whenever records have been changed or added. The sort option invokes a two-level reverse ripple sort that works on last names within each zip code. The program asks if there is a scratch disk on drive 1, but it will work on single-drive systems; it just requires more space on the disk. A nice, chatty routine, it gives you a running commentary as it loads the sorting and merging programs and goes about its business.

Printed Output

You can request a complete or partial printout of a C.C. Mailer file with the main menu's P option. The left side of the printout contains the four lines of name and address data for each record, formatted as they would be for labels. The telephone number and the two code fields are printed at the right of this material. Printouts of this kind are useful for archival purposes.

The real payoff is in the preparation of mailing labels. The L command gets you started. You are given the usual selection options, and can also ask for a trial print of a dummy label. This is to help you get your tractor-feed labels properly aligned in the printer, which is set up for one-inch-high labels, six-lines-per-inch feed. A final option is the treatment of the code fields. You can delete them from the actual labels, or have them printed. If you choose the latter, the codes will appear on the top line of each label, indented to comply with postal regulations.

C.C. Mailer's F command is important for professional-looking labels. The output options I've already discussed treat all text as uppercase. If you use the F command before printing, though, your labels and form-letter salutations will have proper capitalization. To be specific, F leaves the first letter in each alphabetic field a capital. Each succeeding letter is converted to lowercase unless it follows a blank, or a character whose ASCII code is less than 65; this takes care of punctuation marks. One result is that each half of a hyphenated name will be properly capitalized: Smith-Jones. MR&MRS is properly

converted to Mr&Mrs, and the name of the XYZ Corp. will come out Xyz unless you insert spaces: X Y Z Corp. The state abbreviation is left as two capital letters.

One more option, Extract, is used to copy data into a new file without code fields. The primary application is C.C. Merger; the extracted file is used for the inside address and salutation. The F option can be used before E, too. When E is invoked you are given the usual opportunity to specify search fields, and are then asked for a file name. With a single-drive system, you might as well be lazy and let the program assign its default name of CCMAILEX. If you have multiple drives, however, you can keep your extract files on a specific drive and designate this in the file name.

C.C. Merger is used to prepare form letters with individualized inside addresses and salutations. It requires an extract address file from C.C. Mailer, and a text file prepared with C.C. Writer. The text file has to have the proper embedded command to link with the address file, but that's easily accomplished; when preparing the letter, just omit the address/salutation section and replace it with the command /ms. When the program is run, it will print the proper inside address (three or four lines), skip two lines, and then print a salutation in the form "Dear TITLE LAST NAME," using the data from each extract record in turn. Note that suffixes such as Jr. or III will not appear in the salutation.

The /ms command can be stacked with other C.C. Writer commands. For example, to skip two lines before printing the inside address, use the combination /s2/ms. If you are preparing a series of letters with a common salutation

such as Dear Friend, put the salutation in the text file and precede it with /m. The individual inside addresses will still be printed.

The mechanics of running C.C. Merger are pretty simple. Assuming the two files are on hand, you just enter "RUN CCMERGER." You are prompted for the address file name, the text file name, and then the program takes off on its own. (By the way, that prompting order is the reverse of what the manual claims.)

File chaining is not supported by C.C. Merger, so you'd better not write anything like a 20-page form letter. If you must, you could take the manual's suggestion and run just the first page under C.C. Merger. Also, at this time the program will not allow you to insert a variable field in the middle of a letter to pick up a last name for personalizing. Bill Dye of Trans Tek says that the logic is all there, but he has not implemented this feature in order to keep a rein on the size of the package.

He also advises that C.C. Mailer owners insert LW=0: at the beginning of program line 1310 in order to properly handle the case of a blank Title field.

The two programs work well with each other and with C.C. Writer. The documentation accompanying my review copies had a few rough spots, mostly the result of the programs' rapid evolution. Bill Dye has a record of supporting his products, though, and I'm happy to report that recent supplements to the manual have cleared up the earlier problems; there should be no difficulty with material being shipped now. If you are involved with an organization that has to produce bulk mailings, the Trans Tek package can be of great assistance. ■

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by Earl Savage

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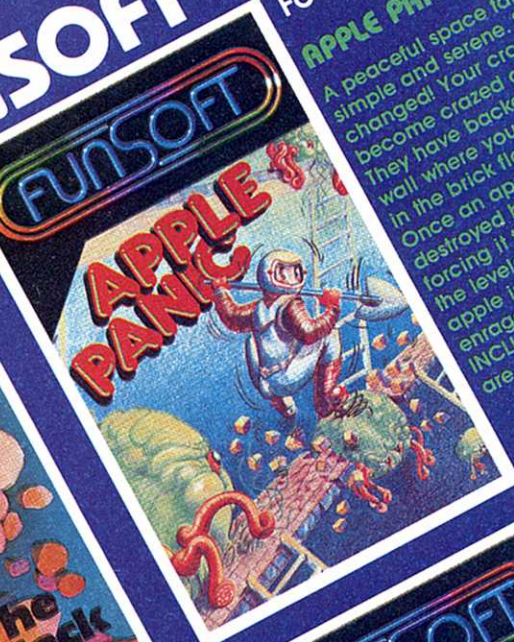
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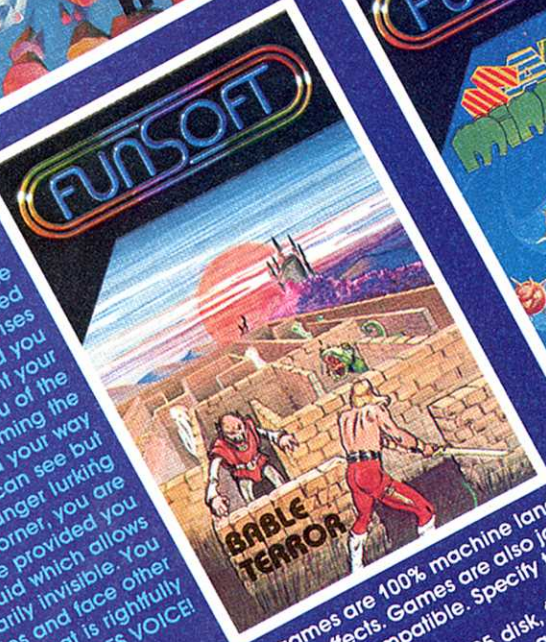
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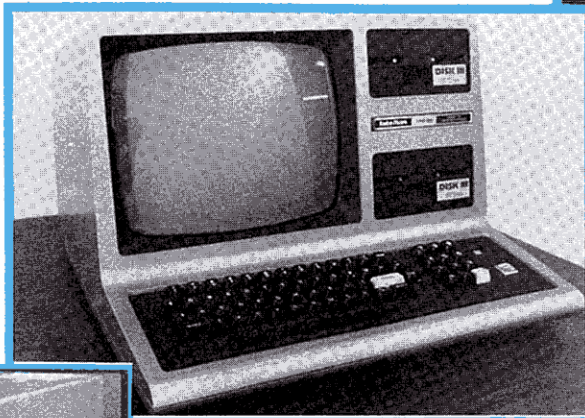
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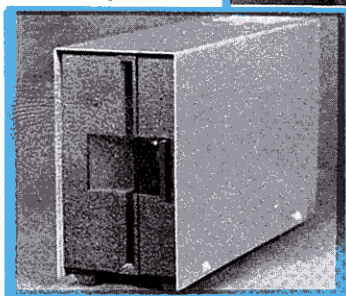
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Phonemes are the constituent sounds of a language; allophones are the acoustic signals/sounds of the phonemes. There are about 64 phonemes in English and the VoiceTech synthesizer uses a group of 64 allophones to create words.

This part of the manual emphasizes that programming speech uses the sounds involved—not the letters used to spell the words. The available allophones are listed with illustrations of their sounds and hints for their uses.

Another section of the manual gives programs for the Model I, the Model III, and two other computers. The programs are annotated, and include a thorough explanation of their features, using examples.

The manual also contains the parts lists and schematics of synthesizers for each of the computers it can be used with. One synthesizer connects to the printer port of the Model III or Model I. Another synthesizer connects to the expansion port of the Model I.

If you own a Model I, you can construct the printer port version; it is simpler because it needs no address decoding. Both versions operate identically.

The Kit

The contents of the starter kit depends upon what version of the synthesizer you decide to build. For all versions, you get a 3.12 MHz clock for timing control and the speech synthesizer integrated circuit, a 28-pin DIP switch.

To complete the printer-port version, you need 11 capacitors, four resistors, one potentiometer, one audio amplifier IC, and a speaker; all these components are readily available.

You can tap into your computer for the single operating voltage required (5 volts), or you can follow the manual directions and use an AC adapter and a voltage-regulator IC.

I found only two typographical errors in the manual. The data list of allophones contains an error (EH2 should be DH2 in line 52). The other is an unmarked capacitor in the schematic. Fortunately, it's not critical (a .1mfd works fine).

Be advised that the hardware section of the VoiceTech manual does not contain step-by-step directions for construction. Construction of the voice

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for construction."*

synthesizer is not too difficult. If you are new to electronics, find an experienced friend to give you advice and assistance.

Using the Synthesizer

With the program keyed in and the synthesizer connected, you're ready for some serious fun. The synthesizer needs no attention beyond turning it on and adjusting the volume. You will have speech right away because the program has a built-in message: "Welcome to VoiceTech, my name is Chatterbox."

When you are tired of hearing that message, you can program any words you wish. Keep the table of allophones handy when you key them in and edit them if you don't like the way the word comes out. Fortunately, the program makes editing easy.

The VoiceTech program is slow handling arrays and doesn't save the al-

lophones for the words that you generated. This program, however, is easy to use and understand. The algorithm can be easily adapted to your own needs.

The program generates a single-dimension array of the allophones' addresses you used to create your words. Just select and enter the allophones; the computer does the rest—finds the addresses, forms the array, and sends it to the synthesizer. You can modify the program to save or print out the arrays so that you can use the same words again later.

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Summary

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If you happen to be all thumbs and have no electronics assistant, write to VoiceTech. They have announced a completely assembled version. The price is unknown at this writing, but I'm sure it will be less than the current market prices.

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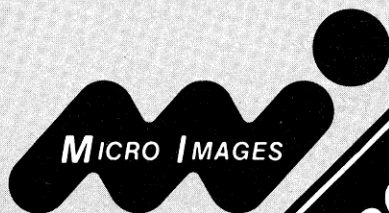
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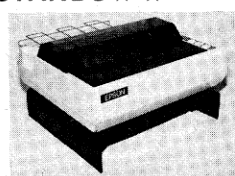
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the call buyer can purchase the stock at a predetermined price. Likewise, if a stock drops in price, call prices also decline, because the right to purchase the stock is less valuable.

Put prices move in the opposite direction to call prices. As a stock declines, puts increase in value because the put buyer is guaranteed a specific price for his shares, regardless of the current market value. As stocks rise in price, puts decline in value since the right to sell stock at a lower price becomes less valuable.

The magic of options is leverage—the ability to invest in more shares than you could with an outright purchase of stocks. A call buyer makes a much larger percentage gain than an outright investor in stock. While the stock buyer must fund the full price of the shares either with cash or by borrowing, the option buyer funds only the premium, a much smaller amount. The percentage gain is based on a smaller investment, the option premium, rather than the full cost of the stock. Commensurate with the higher reward is the risk that the option will be worthless when it expires. You can use many types of investment strategies involving the buying and selling of stocks and their related put and call options, and you can project the profitability of these transactions in several ways. Since these methods involve time-consuming calculations, the computer comes in handy.

Options-80 analyzes a broad range of option-related trades involving puts and calls. The program has two types of analytical output, a chart and a table. Both present a projected percent gain or loss that will be realized if the underlying common stock increases or decreases by a range of percentages.

The program is easy to use. It provides prompts and menu choices to go from one feature to the next. Its error trapping is good; the only way to stop the program is to hit break or pull out the plug.

The method used for entering option prices is nice. A chart is presented that looks like the option page of most newspapers. The cursor shows you where to enter the next price. Unfortunately, if you make an error during data entry or if you want to change a price you must start over. A letter J is entered rather than price data to instruct the program to jump to the beginning of the chart. However, rather than re-entering each

field, you can hit enter to accept what was there before and keep hitting enter until you reach the field to be changed. Once the data is entered, you can store it.

In addition to handling dividends, the program provides a table of user-modifiable parameters. By including these factors in the calculations, the program attempts to make its projections as realistic as possible.

The first item in the parameter table is called a trading adjustment. Most options investors know that the prices quoted in the newspapers represent actual trades rather than the bid or offer. They also know that the bid is lower than the offer, and if you are a buyer you must pay the offer or wait with your bid. If you are a seller you will receive the bid or wait with your offer. To account for the difference between bid and offer prices, the program bases its calculations on the newspaper prices plus or minus the trading adjustment. As a result, the program simulates pricing conditions that would prevail if the stock and option trades were placed with a broker as a market order.

A commission adjustment and a commission rate are two of the other items in the parameter table. The commission adjustment is used as a per-share charge for a transaction and the commission rate is a flat percentage of the total transaction cost. These two items are added to approximate the brokerage fees.

Other fields in the parameter table include a factor for the cost of money, expiration date (for the trading month) of the option, and the scales to be used for plotting both the horizontal and vertical axes.

The program calculates a projected annualized rate of return on an investment as a function of anticipated annualized percent change in share value. After the program is loaded, it asks if you want to retrieve data from a file. If you do, the program displays the names of the stored securities along with the respective dates of the data.

At the completion of the file loading (or immediately, if no file is entered) the Call Transaction menu is displayed. It offers you many choices. If data was not loaded from a file, then you should select Enter Call Prices.

After the data is entered, one of the analytical choices is made. These are buying a call or the underlying shares, writing a call versus stock, opening a spread, selling a previously purchased



call early, closing a write early, or closing a spread early. Other choices on the menu provide for changing parameters, saving or loading data, and the ability to go to the Put Option Transaction menu. The put menu is similar to the call menu in that it includes outright purchases, put writing, as well as the early reversal of these positions.

Each of the analytical routines works in a similar fashion. The bottom half of the screen displays a request to enter a maximum of three expiration months and strike prices. The system then analyzes them and plots a chart for each option series and strike price chosen.

The value of the system lies in its ability to graph several profit-and-loss curves on the same chart. According to the program developers, this feature helps you decide if option transactions on a security are likely to be profitable, as well as which option transaction

should be the most profitable.

As mentioned, in addition to the graphics displays on the screen, the program provides a numeric table of projections. You can only print graphs on printers with graphics capabilities. Unfortunately, my machine, the Line Printer IV, can't handle graphics, so the only printout I could get is the numeric table. However, the documentation tells you how to modify the code for printers with graphics.

I highly praise this program. It is easy to use, and it's hard to make it fail. The program has a built-in self-checking/teaching feature. If you hit break and then GOTO 3, sample data will be projected for testing purposes.

Option trading can be risky and market prices can be quite volatile. If you use this program, you should understand its output before making any financial commitments based on its data. ■

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Log Electronic Notebook KSoft

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by Michael E. Nadeau
80 Micro staff

Log is an interesting cross between a data-base manager and a word processor, yet it performs a task neither does very well.

Advertised as an electronic notebook, Log lets you store data in an unformatted, page-by-page form. This method is good for applications where the field method used by most data-base programs is too restrictive, but requires a more specific form than word processors can offer.

The first use that came to my mind was to put notes for some research I had done on Log. These notes are on 5-by-9 index cards and hold excerpts from various references. Log seemed ideal for this application. And it was... almost.

Those index cards are awkward to work with when you sit down to write a paper. You end up with a dozen or so piles for a dozen or so categories, and you often forget some key data, or worse, lose it. Log, with its search func-

tion, solved the problem, but with a few limitations.

I could copy my data to Log in virtually the same format as on the cards, thanks to a handy tab feature. However, Log has no word-wrapping; i.e., if a word is too long to fit on a line, it is broken off and continued on the next line. Most word processors support word-wrapping, and it would have made my task a little easier.

You can put up to 1,024 characters on a page, adequate for the types of chores you would use this program for. KSoft has allowed for unlimited backups of Log, so if you break up the data, you can put a large data base on multiple disks. For my purposes, this was a minor nuisance as I had a lot of cards. It should cause no problem for most other uses, though.

My biggest complaint is I can't call up my notes and write at the same time unless I use a typewriter (or buy another computer). I could print out the data, but that defeats my purpose for using the program. The idea of being able to call up a reference just by typing in a key word is tempting enough to write on a typewriter, though. If this program could be coresident with a word processor, it would be a great boon for any writer who uses extensive notes.

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ments, important dates, or other simple tasks suggested by the documentation, a printer isn't as necessary. But if you keep programming or research notes on it, you will eventually want to print out all or part as a permanent reference.

You also need a printer to print out the documentation. Log does come with a check sheet that lists the commands, but it doesn't say much on how to use them. The documentation, though, is easy to follow. This isn't a very slick way of handling the matter,

but it beats some of the Xerox-of-a-Xerox abominations I've seen.

Log is very easy to use, and this is its strongest point. If it weren't, many of the tasks for which it is intended could be done better by pencil and paper. Its ease of use makes you want to find more and more jobs for it. Finding, manipulating (no block moves, though), and formatting data require few keystrokes, and the commands are easy to remember.

As it comes, Log is ready for transfer

to a TRSDOS 1.3 or 2.3 disk. Patches available for use with NEWDOS Plus, LDOS 5.1, DBLDOS, and TRSDOS (l/c) cost \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional one. These patches are not provided by KSoft, but by the individual who wrote them, John T. Blair. KSoft includes the order sheet with each package.

I like Log, and I'm sure I'll find more uses for it. It's a little overpriced, but as far as I know, there's nothing else like it available. ■

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by Leslie E. Sparks

Although computers are useful tools for investment decision analysis, there are few programs available to take advantage of this ability. Available investment software generally deals with forecasting stock prices. This is only a first step in analyzing an investment. The final step, the one that counts, answers the question, "If everything goes as I forecast, will I make money with the investment?" And the answer to this question requires consideration of the time value of money. Incoprop is a software package that will help you with this last step for analyzing the returns from an investment in rental real estate.

The program uses the concept of internal rate of return (IRR), also called the discounted cash-flow rate of return, as the figure of merit for the investment. The internal rate of return is the discount rate that reduces all the future cash flows from the investment to the value of the initial investment. In other words, if you deposited the initial investment in the bank at the interest rate equivalent to the internal rate of return, you would get the same amount of money as you get from the investment. You want to select investments with high internal rates of return.

There are a few theoretical and practical problems with the internal rate of

return method of ranking investments. One of the most important is that some investments can give two values of the internal rate of return. This is especially likely when the investment has both positive and negative cash flows over its life. Generally, the false value is higher than the true one. Thus any program based on internal rate of return must be

"The program uses the concept of internal rate of return (IRR). . . as the figure of merit for the investment."

protected to ensure that the correct value of the internal rate of return is always returned.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to determine, at least from the documentation and an examination of the Basic code, if Incoprop has the required protection. Each sample problem I ran with the program returned the correct answer. But this doesn't prove that the program is protected. I would feel more comfortable with the package if this problem was explicitly dealt with in the documentation.

The first step in using the program involves filling out a worksheet. This worksheet is where you put your forecast information on rental and other income and expenses for the rental property. You are also asked to provide estimates of the expected appreciation of the property. The worksheet requests information on depreciation and your income-tax situation. The worksheet is a good idea because it forces you to con-

sider all the necessary information. Much time, thought, and care went into the development of the worksheet and the data requirements for the program. An example of this completeness is the provision for capital additions to the property any year in its life.

You'll find that it will generally require much work to get all the information needed for the worksheet, but if you don't want to do the work, you should not invest. The only problem I have with the worksheet idea is that once you have all the necessary information, you still must work to get the information in the format necessary for the computer. You will have to do some tedious calculations to get the data into the correct form. The program could provide some help in this area.

Data entry and editing are not handled very well. The data is entered one item at a time. If you make a mistake and don't catch it before you press enter, you cannot go back and correct that single item. You must go back to the beginning and review and correct each item. It is a workable method of handling data entry, but not up to the state of the art.

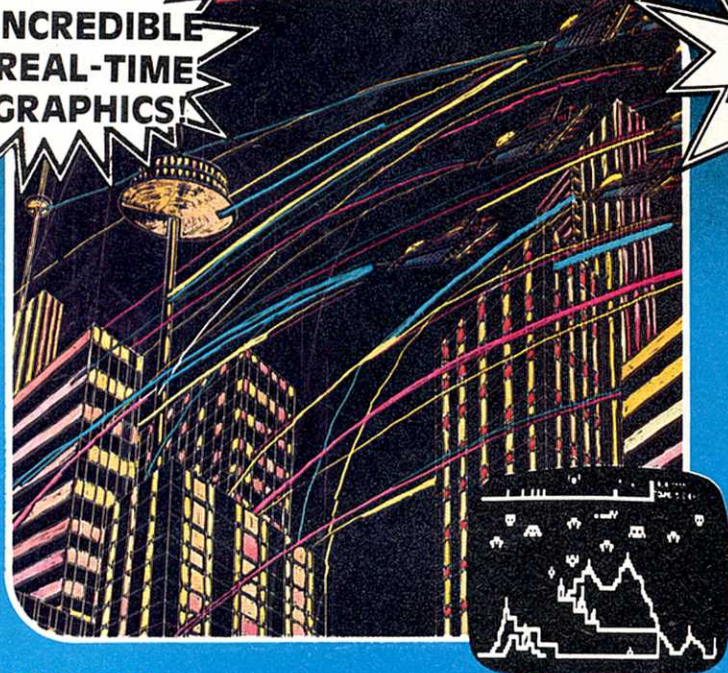
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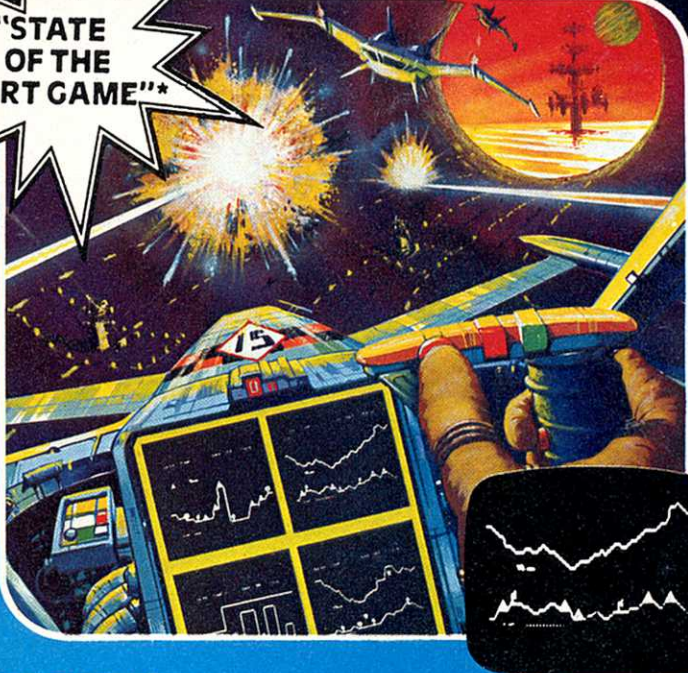
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the analysis and if correctly interpreted, will tell you everything you need to know about the profitability of the investment.

The program has a provision for handling taxes, a necessity for any investment program. The program will also help you figure your marginal tax rates. This is one of the better features of the program, although the program does not have the latest tax-law changes built in. But the documentation does provide a fairly good discussion of the impact of the 1981 tax law. They'll soon have to revise the discussion to handle the 1982 tax increase.

The printout includes most, but not all, of the input data. I wish that the printout had all the input data in the same format as the worksheet; this would make checking for errors in the data easier. When you have money on the line, you want to be sure that the calculated results are based on accurate data.

The documentation for the program is helpful at telling you how to run the

program. There are several figures showing how the screen should look as you enter the data. And there are also examples of the printout.

Unfortunately, the documentation does a very poor job of telling you how to use the program. You are left on your own as far as interpreting the results of the program. This is a major deficiency of the package. The documentation should contain a lucid discussion of the internal rate of return method, its advantages, disadvantages, and all the assumptions implicit in its use. (The assumptions are discussed, but the discussion lacks structure and completeness.) I would prefer to see the documentation divided into three or four sections: The first section would be an overview of what you can expect; the second section would show you how to run the program; the third section would show how to use the program. It should almost be a minicourse on the topic.

Any fourth section should contain examples showing the use of the internal rate of return method. The ex-

amples should concentrate less on showing how to run the program and more on how to use it. Examples of a good investment, a marginal investment, and a poor investment should be included. The examples should contain a complete discussion pointing out what makes the various investments good, bad, or marginal. With these additions the package would be superior.

The program accomplishes about 90 percent of the task. It is a useful tool that provides information essential for making intelligent investment decisions. Unfortunately, the missing 10 percent is in the areas most obvious to the user—data entry and documentation. Data entry, though useful, is somewhat elementary. The documentation is the serious deficiency. It doesn't provide nearly enough help at getting the most from the program.

If you purchase the program, be sure you get a good book on investment analysis so that you can understand what the program is doing and what the calculated results mean. ■

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The Information Society as Post Industrial Society

**Yoneji Masuda
World Future Society
4916 St. Elmo Ave.
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Softcover, 171 pp.
\$12.50**

**by John P. Mello Jr.
80 Micro staff**

Computopia. What is it? What will it be like? When will we know we are there? Those are some of the questions Japanese futurist Yoneji Masuda sets out to answer in *The Information Society*.

Masuda, a world-reknowned authority on computers and the future, details how the social structure created by the Industrial Revolution will be transformed by the Information Revolution.

Technology's role during the Industrial Revolution, Masuda explains, has been to reduce physical labor. During the new age, it will be to reduce intellectual labor.

He proposes that transforming technology's role will transform people's

basic wants. Intellectual creativity will be more important than material consumption. Self-realization will transcend the demand for durable consumer goods.

The symbol of industrialized society—the factory—will be replaced by a new totem—the information utility.

Coercion will be reduced, Masuda maintains. Voluntarism and cooperation will be important components of the new age.

Sound rosey?

Many people are aware widespread dependence on computers presents an awesome potential for social manipulation. Masuda knows this potential exists, but he does little to explain why Computopia 1984 won't develop.

He gives two reasons why his information Fat City won't become a political Greasy Spoon. Neither will calm the palpitations of compuphobes.

Information science, like nuclear energy, is ultimate, he contends, ultimate in the sense that it "will bring immeasurable benefits to humanity if wisely used, but...could lead to destruction if used wrongly."

Why won't computers be used "wrongly?" Masuda says because "There is only one choice for us—the

road to Computopia. We cannot allow the computer, an ultimate science, to be used for the destruction of the spiritual life of mankind." But what if we're not consulted on the disposition of this ultimate technology? After all, how many of us were consulted on how nuclear energy should be used?

Masuda's answer to that is tied to his second reason for optimism. Changing the industrial society to the information society will be spearheaded by citizen action. This action will be "goal-oriented," he contends. He suggests those goals won't result in a repressive society.

Although Masuda's view of the future is stimulating, his prose is not. Much of his material becomes repetitious and appears vague. His writing style is a cross between a bureaucratic white paper and a report from a local school committee.

The book contains numerous charts, which are helpful in understanding Masuda's views. A glossary and index are also valuable accessories to the book.

Despite its assets, however, *The Information Society* remains one of those books you're constantly thumbing to the end to find out how many pages are left to read. ■

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Black Death
Krell Educational Game Pak
Krell Software
21 Millbrook Drive
Stony Brook, NY 11790
\$39.95

by **Eric Maloney**
80 Micro staff

Never mind the spelling errors and sloppy screen displays. Ignore the wretched graphics and lethargic pace. *Black Death* is a gem of garage-punk programming.

This is the kind of software Stephen King might write after eating a spoiled tuna-fish sandwich. It's a Blue Oyster Cult album played backwards, Gahan Wilson on a full moon, Hunter Thompson through a quart of fermented cactus juice.

Most delightfully of all, *Black Death* is part of what the manufacturer calls

an education package. Either the people at Krell have a weird sense of humor, or some very strange ideas on education.

Black Death places you in a city—represented by a 10-by-13 grid—struck by the plague. Your job is to save as many people as possible, through either inoculation or quarantine. You start with 130 zeros, which change to 1's as your city's residents become visibly ill. The numbers increase with the stages of the disease, until they finally turn into cute little graveyard crosses.

People get sick only if they're next to someone who has already been afflicted. Thus, your best bet is to build a wall of inoculation around the outbreaks. But since plague diseases tend to be highly contagious, this strategy doesn't always work. It's wise to have the charnel wagons lined up and ready to go.

The game doesn't reach its potential until you play with someone else (as many as six can join the fun). Each person gets his own rat-infested city, and whoever emerges with the fewest deaths—uh—wins. The game can get

pretty exciting as you come down the stretch, matching your opponent corpse for corpse, looking for that one key inoculation that will bring you victory.

Black Death could be enhanced considerably with some imaginative sound routines and graphics. For instance, each time you lose a few victims, a death wagon could roll across the screen, accompanied by the sound of clopping horses and wailing mothers. Perhaps the game could end with a church bell tolling for the deceased. A few such touches would do much to liven up the program.

You have to buy the Krell Education Game Pak to get *Black Death*. This is unfortunate, because the other six games are awesomely mediocre. They're poorly designed, and full of spelling errors and typos. The entire package looks like it was thrown together in the back seat of a taxi, without so much as a cursory proofreading. Such shoddy merchandise does not speak well of a company that also sells a College Board SAT Prep Series.

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But Black Death is another story. Go play a few rounds with your 8-year-old sister, and then take her to see *Night of the Living Dead*. She'll never be the same. ■

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Tiny Compiler
Aardvark-80
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by Scott L. Norman

Aardvark-80's Tiny Compiler is an attempt to give Color Computer owners a taste of high-speed compiled languages. It is written in Extended Color Basic and accepts a subset of the same language as source code. The ma-

chine-language object code can be executed immediately or saved and run at a later time. Options available at compilation time let you control the location of the object code in memory, which can be helpful when interfacing to other program segments.

The documentation is the strongest point of the entire package. It goes to unusual lengths to discuss the function of each block of program statements, and includes a listing of the entire compiler—nearly illegible, unfortunately!

Operation is fairly simple. After entering a PCLEAR1 command to free the maximum amount of memory, load the compiler and type in your source-code statements. Since the compiler uses line numbers 8000 and above, make a practice of including the line 7999 END in all source code. This allows you to test the code under the Basic interpreter without running into the compiler section. As a practical matter, I found it simplest to incorporate this line into my working copy of the compiler.

As received, the compiler limits the source code to 50 lines. The manual indicates the changes needed to increase this, however. Once the source code is

"The documentation is the strongest point of the entire package."

entered, it can be run and debugged just like any other Basic program. Then it is time to compile.

The compiler is invoked with the command RUN 9000. You are asked to supply starting addresses for the object code and the variable table (which should be at least 2K higher). How do you choose them? Well, the program displays the highest address used by the Basic code, and the manual advises you

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to leave about 1.5K free between the highest address and the starting address. There are also defaults: Since typical short source programs will wind up below location 12500 (decimal), the compiler suggests 14000 for the start address of the object code. Similarly, the variable table location defaults to 16000.

The video display is misleading concerning these locations. For one thing, you are asked to supply addresses in hex, which is unnecessary; also, the variable table default is listed as 160000. Your final choice is whether or not you want to compile the program in one location and later move it to another, i.e., relocate the code.

After these three questions have been answered, the compiler goes into action. The address corresponding to the beginning of each line of source code is displayed as compilation proceeds. At the end of the process, you receive information about the last address occupied by the object code (necessary for subsequently saving the code), and a

table of transfer addresses for GOTO and GOSUB statements. At this point, the compiled program can be executed by pressing Z.

If you choose to run such a test, the complete variable table will be printed following execution. However, you will have to recompile before saving the object code. Should you wish to dispense with a test run and save the code immediately after compilation, press the enter key instead of Z. This returns you to the command mode, and you can execute a SAVEM or CSAVEM using the starting address that you supplied and the ending and transfer addresses furnished by the compiler.

However, major problems arise from the extremely limited set of Basic commands and words that the compiler can handle. To begin with, you must use fixed-point arithmetic; both variables and constants are restricted to positive integers, 0-64K. Although the four elementary mathematical operations are supported, there is no way to compile a program containing exponentiation,

trigonometric functions, INT, and so forth. The syntax of allowed commands is also extremely quirky. For example, the following versions of a For statement are legitimate (A and B are variables, nnn is a constant):

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FOR I = A TO B
FOR I = A TO B STEP nnn
FOR I = nnn TO B
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Note that you cannot use constants for both upper and lower limits, and you cannot use a variable for the step size. Even worse, you do not have the freedom to write a statement like FOR I = B TO nnn; the constant can only be the lower limit, as in the third example above.

There are many other examples. A statement like A = B - 125 is permitted, but A = 125 - B is not! Only one mathematical operation is allowed in any given statement, although you can have multiple statements per line. Dimensioned variables cannot be used as divisors or subscripts. Because of the

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fixed-point arithmetic, strict limits must be placed on the size of numbers in multiplication and division operations.

The result of these shortcomings is that the Tiny Compiler Basic cannot be used for any program involving serious computation. What is it good for? My first thoughts were that it could be used to write fast sorting or graphics routines. After all, it does support PEEKs and POKes, and the limits it places on numerical quantities should not interfere with the computation of video memory locations. Any such efforts must contend with a major stumbling block, however: There are no Input or Read statements. In other words, there is absolutely no convenient way to get data into any program that is to be compiled by this product. There are DEFUSR and USR statements, but it seems unreasonable to require Basic users to use these (or a series of PEEKs) just to scan the keyboard.

Tiny Compiler has to contend with the fact that it must coexist in memory with the Color Basic ROMs and the source code, and therefore can't include every conceivable feature. Other Color Computer language packages have the same problem.

Any compiler unable to handle the most fundamental I/O operations is of value only as the basis for further do-it-yourself work, at best. There comes a time when any advantage in program speed just isn't worth it. ■

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The installation instructions are very detailed and well written. Installation requires no soldering. You might question the integrity of the nine micro-clip connections, but if you solder the nine connections (most of which are to IC pins), it makes removing the board more tedious.

The board contains 17 ICs (plus two from the CPU board), and several capacitors. Six of the ICs are 16K-bit

static memory chips giving 12,288 bytes of read/write memory. This 12K of memory does not use up any memory address space, but is organized into 12 pages and accesses one page at a time using the same scan and address lines that normally drive screen memory. This is accomplished by bank selecting. A test program at the conclusion of installation checks to see if all 12,288 bytes of memory are alive, and if all connections have been properly made.

Features and Use

The Grafyx Solution gives a resolution of 512 by 192, or 98,304 points, any of which can be set or reset. This is 16 times as many points as the stock Model III, giving four times the horizontal and vertical density. Three other resolutions of 256 by 192, 128 by 192, and 128 by 96 are also possible.

When you turn on the computer, you must enable the hi-res board with a few simple commands if using cassette, or simply type DO GB48 in TRSDOS on a 48K system. You can mix hi-res with the traditional 128 by 48 graphics and text; they exist independently of one another and you can clear the 1K of regular video memory or just the hi-res memory. This makes adding labels to graphs or mixing graphics and text easier than on an Apple computer.

You can easily mix the four hi-res modes in any combination, since in any mode you still address the screen using 0-511 horizontally and 0-191 vertically. When plotting lower resolution, the dif-

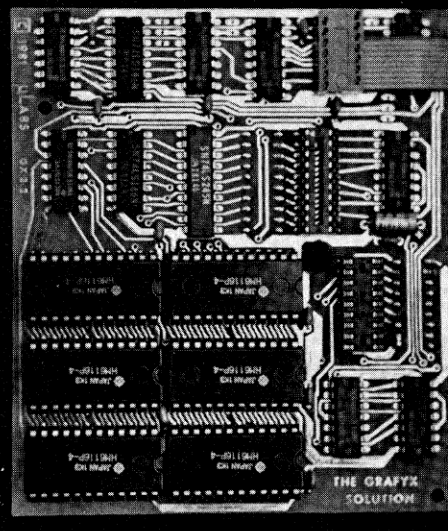


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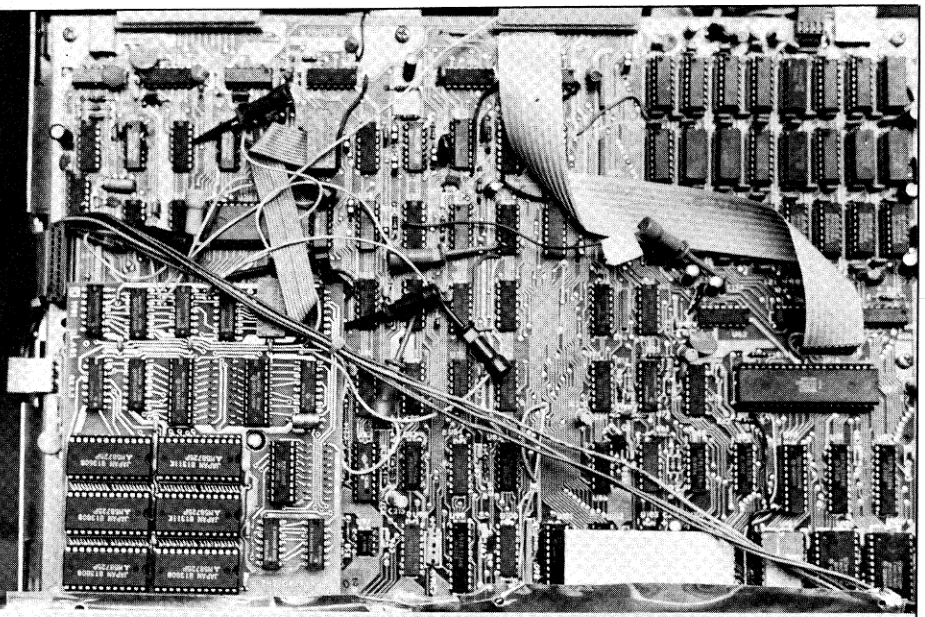


Photo 2. The Grafyx Solution Circuit Board Installed in the Model III CPU Board

ferent coordinates can address the same point or overlap other points. Since the hi-res picture overlaps (but is independent of) regular graphics and text, the hi-res display remains fixed even when scrolling graphics and text.

For the casual programmer, GBasic (on disk or tape) provides 14 commands that let you use the hi-res board effectively and easily. It takes only a short time to understand the 14 commands. GBasic takes over 5K of RAM leaving more than 32K in a 48K disk system running TRSDOS. Table 1 lists the 14 commands with a brief description of each.

An eight-page section of the Grafyx Solution's reference manual addresses the experienced Assembly-language programmer. This section explains how to access any of the 14 GBasic commands with a machine-language call and how to load the parameters for the commands into registers.

I've been using the Grafyx Solution for three weeks and find GBasic easy to use and powerful.

The disk accompanying the hardware contains over 30 files to help you use the hardware. Several Basic programs are included to quickly demonstrate the hi-res graphics by displaying spirals, graphs, roses, sunsets, string art, and random art. (See Photo 3 and the figures.)

The package also includes several utility programs. The first utility (the GTest program) checks to see if the hardware works properly. The SAVLOAD program lets you save any hi-res picture to disk or tape as a file and later load it back to the screen.

I wrote a short program that let me draw and erase hi-res pictures (using the four arrow keys) and then linked it to the SAVLOAD program so I could create any design on the screen and save it to disk. The fact that the hi-res graphics and text were independent was a useful feature. As I developed the program I could start drawing the picture, get an illegal function call for plotting beyond 511 in the X direction or 191 in the Y direction, fix the program, and run it again with the hi-res picture on the screen the entire time.

COLM80 is a utility program that lets you display 16 lines by 80 characters on the Model III screen. The characters are software generated and use hi-res for display. You can set inverse video in the COLM80 mode and the 80-character display appears compatible with all versions of DOS, EDTASM, and EDAS;

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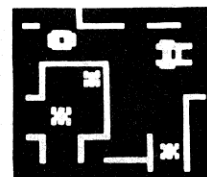
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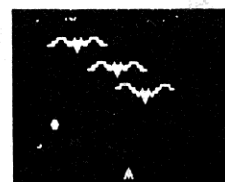
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In addition to the utilities that come with the Grafyx Solution, Micro-Labs plans to sell additional software. Currently available programs include Bizgraph, which plots graphs with data generated by Radio Shack's VisiCalc package, a Draw program for drawing pictures, a Mathplot program for graphing functions, and a 3DPLOT program.

The Grafyx Solution is well built, beautifully documented, and performs as advertised. I find it difficult to believe that such a fine product can be produced by a small company and that Radio Shack hasn't offered such a feature

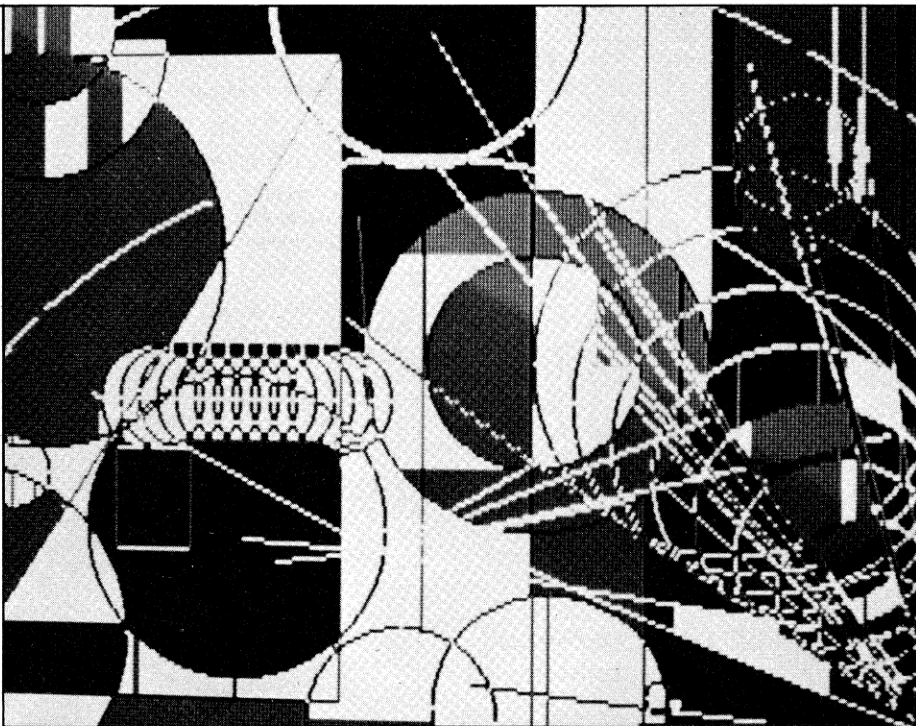


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&CIRCLE(X,Y,R,C)—Draws a circle of radius R with the center at (X,Y). R can be up to 511. Parts of the circle can go beyond the edge of the screen. C is the color of the circle—see above.

&FILL(X,Y,S)—Colors in the shape around (X,Y), S = 0 for shading, S = 1 for solid.

&GET(X1,Y1,X2,Y2,Z%(0))—Stores the contents of a rectangular portion of the screen determined by the opposite corners (X1,Y1) and (X2,Y2) in a single dimensioned integer array Z%.

&PUT(X,Y,Z%(0),F)—Takes the contents of integer array Z% and places it on the screen starting at (X,Y) as the same size rectangle that existed when the &GET created the array. F = 0 to complement every point in the rectangle, F = 1 to place the array contents on the screen, F = 2 to AND the contents of the array and screen, and F = 3 to OR the contents of the array and screen.

Table 1. The 14 GBasic Commands

as an option.

The Grafyx Solution does not work with a Model I, and Micro-Labs does not plan to offer this option.

Please bear in mind, however, that the Grafyx Solution is not perfect. After I had installed the unit horizontal lines (which in any resolution must be made up of a series of short perfectly horizontal traces) still appeared to be stepping slightly up the screen. But, until 1,000,000-by-500,000 resolution comes along, the Grafyx Solution appears to have the highest resolution in an affordable system. ■

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by Jeffrey Hix

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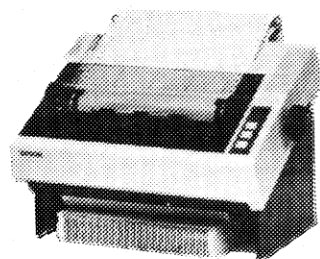
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on four cassettes, a lesson book called the *Figures Book* in a three-ring binder, a reference manual, and a reference card. SuperScripsit includes two disks each for the Model I and III.

You will need a printer connected to your 48K Model III; two disk drives and the lowercase printer modification are required for Model I use. Model I owners will find the lesson samples, three new printer drivers, and the block-moving module on disk.

Learning SuperScripsit without a cassette player will be a challenge. The *Figures Book* is only a workbook as it was with Scripsit. A contents table is at the front. Each lesson lists objectives of that lesson.

The Help menu can be called from disk at any time and is useful when learning the system. It covers error messages, block moves, find, search, replace, proofread, header/footer setup, printing, and calling up a document. These modules cannot be used more than two at a time without the program calling them in from the disk. Error messages freeze everything until the break key is pressed to acknowledge the error.

Printers

Seven different printer drivers are included with SuperScripsit. Radio Shack Line Printers IV, V, VI, VIII and the Daisy Wheel II are specifically compatible. Drivers for Radio Shack's new series of printers are already included on the disk.

I used a Model I and an Epson MX-80 with Grafrax Plus. Check your owner's manual for DIP-switch settings. I tried three different parallel-printer drivers included with SuperScripsit and decided to use the DW2 default driver.

I first loaded and tested the demo printing document. Underline and bold printing worked as described. Double underlining printed as single underlining. Bold printing is a dot-by-dot graphics function. I recommend you use the enhanced mode to set up the printer codes and that you make all changes by these codes as the MX-80 lost the default settings made by SuperScripsit after the first change. I easily set 20 printer codes to change print styles and try features of the MX-80 with Grafrax Plus and made corrections to the demo printing document.

The Radio Shack LP VIII printer has a special driver included. Check your

owner's manual for DIP-switch settings. Bold printing slows it down and is on a letter-by-letter basis. Superscripts and subscripts look good if you have allowed the half line extra spacing to avoid typing on the line above or below. Printer codes enable you to print single characters not on the keyboard; see your printer manual. If you watch the paper carefully, you can mix type styles

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from an elongated large type to a condensed type. Tab settings can be reduced or expanded as needed. You can do some neat things with the LP VIII and SuperScripsit.

Radio Shack LP IV's special print driver includes print sizes I've never seen before.

I own a Radio Shack Daisy Wheel II printer. This is the printer that the programmers had in mind when they designed SuperScripsit. I can type 10 or 12 characters per inch or proportional type. Fifteen-character-per-inch wheels are available; a SuperScripsit print driver is still being developed by Radio Shack. SuperScripsit displays the actual line arrangement.

When I decided to try a sample document in the three different types, it was necessary to restart each time. The tab lines and the arrangement of the words on the page were adjusted each time. Lines marked for centering had to be remarked.

SuperScripsit gives you a choice of proportional, monoproportional, or nonproportional printing. Proportional spacing is slowest because each line is inspected by SuperScripsit to ensure even margins. Monoproportional spacing has the same objective, but it inserts extra spaces between words only. Nonproportional printing looks like a manual typewriter was used. Underlining includes spaces unless printer codes 15 and 14 are used. Other printer codes

can be set for wheel characters not on the keyboard. See the Daisy Wheel II manual for the codes.

Other printing features of SuperScripsit include selecting lines per page, spacing between words, spacing between lines, superscript, subscript, underlining, double underlining, bold printing, printer pause to change printer type wheels, and reverse top of form (for newsletter columns).

SuperScripsit vs. Scripsit

If you have Scripsit now, the decision to buy SuperScripsit needs careful consideration. What features are not now available to you? Scripsit works with only 32K memory; SuperScripsit requires 48K memory. How many disk drives are in your system? Scripsit works with only one drive because the entire program resides in memory; SuperScripsit must be in drive 0 because of the need to access modules needed to perform different functions.

Are good patching programs such as Scriplus from Powersoft workable for you? In my case, yes and no; I decided that I wanted an easier operation than available through Scripsit with Scriplus. (It was sufficient while waiting for the long-delayed arrival of SuperScripsit, however.) I also wanted a proportional type driver for my Daisy Wheel II printer.

In order to use Proofreader, a spelling checker from Aspen Software, it was necessary to create a separate ASCII file as it could not read the SuperScripsit file. Converting my existing documents saved on disk by Scripsit to a format used by SuperScripsit requires space for a second disk file created by SuperScripsit. The original disk file is not changed. I do not recommend trying to convert backwards to Scripsit.

Superscript seems to be derived from the Model II Scripsit cut down into modules. Some features such as chaining (attaching one document file to the bottom of the one you are working on), single-letter insertion, screen formatting, vertical centering of the entire page, nonprinted comment lines and multiple block markers, which were in Scripsit, are greatly missed.

Exchanging words or paragraphs must be done in a block move. Also, the time needed to produce the written report or letter can suffer due to the use of modules. The @ key is still used as of modules. The @ key is still used as the control key, but control D (delete) is

the only mutual control. All functions are done differently. I wish screen printing of the system setups were possible. Scripsit allows me to type a memo and print 10 copies without saving it to disk. SuperScripsit requires seven sectors for just a mailing label and requires it to be saved on disk and killed from TRSDOS if I do not wish to save it.

Bugs

Overall, SuperScripsit rates good marks for features, documentation, utility, and potential for adding future improvements easily. However, use of the header feature throws the page line counter off. The footer feature needs careful use; after printing the footer, the top-of-form feature failed to work. I had to add blank lines to the footer to roll the paper to the proper position. The page-calculating feature did not work for me as a footer nor for the Radio Shack manager who sold me the program. (Fort Worth insisted that it works for them just fine.)

The LS line space indicator failed to respond to changes made when reopening a document, and it affected printing. This was corrected using the block commands relative to line spacing. Editing by blocks could cause problems. I had to retype three or four lines from a previous draft twice due to errors in storage on the disk after block editing. Editing in front of a new page marker did hang up the computer for an extra moment, but it did straighten itself out; no loss of copy occurred.

Converting from SuperScripsit to ASCII removed the control-codes indicator, but not the codes themselves.

A rare problem was line feed or tab spacing missed by either the printer or SuperScripsit at the beginning or end of a line. Correction was made by going to that line and pressing the delete command at the end of the line involved. Except for a conversion from 10 spaces per inch to proportional printing, the correction worked. Why it happened, I do not know.

Side Notes

I do not recommend using SuperScripsit on other disk operating systems (DOS). It was specially designed for TRSDOS. I have attempted to discuss SuperScripsit only including a few comparisons to Scripsit. For a side-by-side comparison, see the September 1982 issue of *80 Micro*. ■

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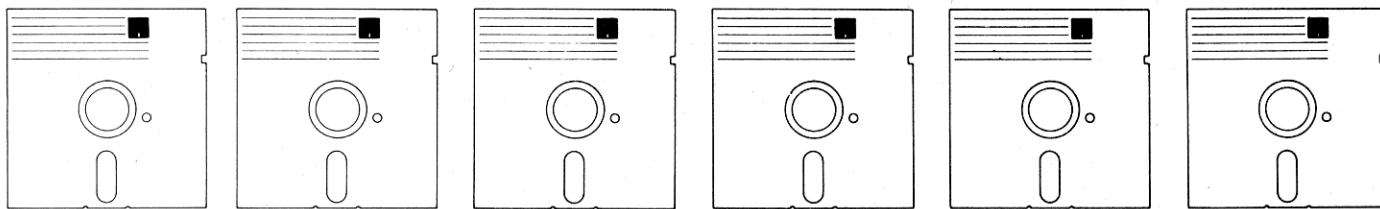
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My Micro Speaks Basex, Paul Warne, Hayden Book Company Inc., softcover, 164 pp., \$9.95.

"Basex looks like an interesting beginner's language if you don't ask too much from it. The only problem is: How many beginners are going to be willing to tackle an offbeat language like this after learning Basic? Sure a newcomer to computing could learn Basex before being introduced to Basic, but that doesn't seem likely, given Basic's widespread popularity. One would be better off mastering Basic, then learning a higher-level language for speed." *Microcomputing*, November, p. 166.

TRS-80 Model III Programming and Applications, Larry Joel Goldstein, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, softcover, \$12.95.

"Goldstein has taken a very simple, hand-holding approach to the Model III. He has chosen to assume little or no knowledge and he leads the reader carefully through the steps of using and programming his Model III. . . . Many people will not like this as much as David Lien's hand-holding books. Goldstein has a different style. But this is a solid and factual book." *80 U.S.*, November, p. 108.

Address Factory, Computerware, Box 668, Encinitas, CA 92024, Color Computer, \$17.95 tape, \$22.95 disk.

"If you write many letters or need mailing labels, the Address Factory can save you time and trouble. The program handles 55 addresses in a 16K Color Computer or 125 addresses in a 32K Color Computer. . . . You won't be able to use the Address Factory unless you own a printer. If you select the Print mode without a printer on line, the program will hang up." *InfoWorld*, October 25.

PrintCC, J. Gary Bender, Box 773, Los Alamos, NM 87544, Color Computer, \$15.

"PrintCC is designed to let your Model I or Model III act as a printer buffer to your existing parallel printer. Its basic purpose is to act as a buffer for printed data-like letters. It can support the Semi-graphics 4-mode (Set/Reset graphics) and screen dumping, force output in all capital letters or 64-character print width. . . . Would I buy the program? I just wish I had known about it before I bought my serial-to-parallel converter." *80 U.S.*, November, p. 111.

Basic Betting: The Microcomputer Edge, James Jasper, St. Martins Press, New York, 283 pp., softcover, \$9.95.

"Be forewarned: using this book is much more complicated than phoning your neighborhood bookie or making an educated guess at the Santa Anita racetrack. The programs are complex. For example, Jasper lists 22 items which he feels are crucial for picking winners in claiming races. By the time betters run the programs, they're liable to be blind from poring over the *Daily Racing Form* to get the information." *Popular Computing*, December, p. 156.

Astro-Blast, Mark Data Products, 23802 Barquilla, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, Color Computer, \$24.95 tape, \$29.95 disk.

"...another space game you may ask, well you may be right but this one is done with class. . . . The graphics are excellent, the sound is good, and the action is very good. I found myself looking for the coin slot to pay my quarter." *Color Computer News*, October, p. 26.

The Moses Lightpen, Moses Engineering, Rt. 7, Greenville, SC 29609, Color Computer, \$40 assembled, \$19.95 kit.

"The Moses Engineering Lightpen is a full function lightpen that interfaces with the TRS-80C joystick. A standard joystick modified to accept the joystick is included. . . . The program sampler includes some games, an event counter, color detector, and other applications software. All programs are written in Basic." *Micro*, October, p. 97.

Katerpillar, Tom Mix Software, 3424 College N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505, Color Computer, \$24.95.

"Katerpillar is very similar to the original. . . . Personally I prefer the joystick action over the roller-ball of the original. This factor along with the excellent color graphics and sound rates Katerpillar quite favorably with the arcade game." *Color Computer News*, October, p. 60.

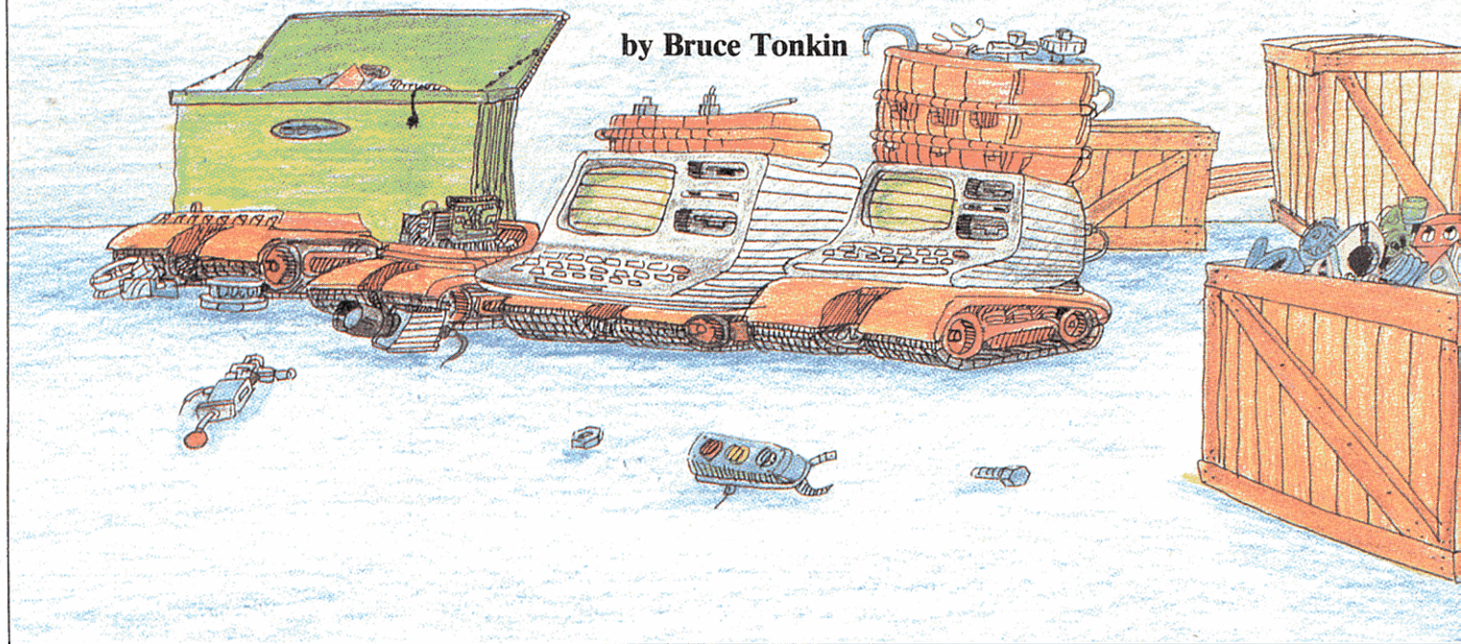
Home Money Minder, Computerware, Box 668, Encinitas, CA 92024, Color Computer, \$19.95.

"Home Money Minder is merely an electronic checkbook with a few sorting and printing routines built in. . . . For \$19.95, you get a usable program that functions as advertised. If you are looking for more features and safeguards, wait until you get a disk drive before you devote a lot of time and effort to typing your checkbook into your computer." *InfoWorld*, October 25, p. 67.

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The Creator

by Bruce Tonkin



I'd also like to finally make a little money from the Creator. My royalties have so far come to \$0.00. I managed this through a combination of improper marketing, a poor choice of associates, and not enough cash to market it myself.

The Creator is a program that writes data-base programs in Microsoft Basic for the Model I. With slight modifications, it will do so for a number of other Radio Shack and non-Radio Shack computers. It will run unchanged on the Model III. As far as I know, the DOS you use doesn't matter. The Creator is especially good at mailing lists, inventory programs, accounts payable and receivable, and general data-base applications.

A number of dedicated data-base programs exist for the TRS-80. These programs are good, but misguided; since they are usually written in Assembly language, anything they create and modify is not transportable, nor is the application they generate. Modifications are generally impossible.

But programs the Creator generates can be transported to nearly any machine running Microsoft Basic or a reasonable facsimile thereof. The generator itself can also be modified, if you have the time and patience.

Since neither the Creator nor the pro-

grams it writes calls any Assembly-language routines or depends on the operating system for anything, the programs are also highly portable. The operating system only matters to the extent that it affects Basic: Since Basic tends to disguise any differences that exist, you're assured that your software investment is protected.

A Short History

I write and develop application and utility software for a living. I've written programs for all the popular microcomputers, and I believe they're generally of high quality. The Creator was one of the better ones.

So why wasn't it commercially successful?

First, a short history is in order.

I got the idea for the Creator toward the end of 1978. I was working as a systems engineer for a company (which I will call Noname) selling computers to Radio Shack.

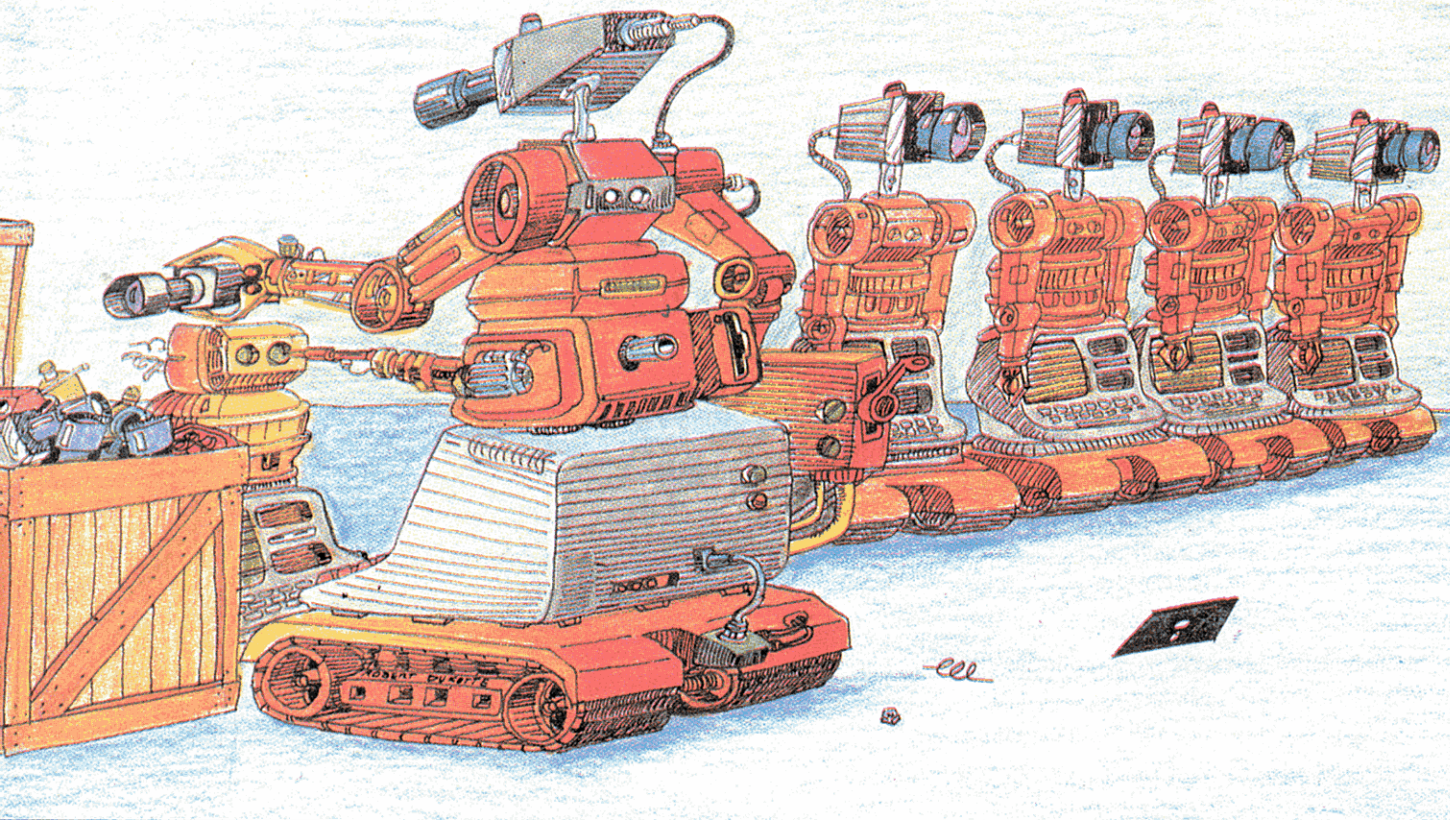
Noname did not want to sell any software other than languages, unless the software came from out-of-house. They feared the amount of support that marketing a piece of software would require. When they decided to end all field software support for all their products in favor of a plan to do all support from the home office, I decided to

strike out on my own. In about a week I found two possible backers and was out of a job.

In a spirit of boundless optimism, I began the project about an hour after I left Noname. In about two weeks (some 200 hours of work), I had a version of the Creator running well enough to demonstrate. I took a listing to my lawyer and submitted it for a copyright. No money was coming in and my wife was becoming worried. I continued working on the program for several more months, ironing out the bugs and adding features.

Meanwhile, I showed the program to the potential backers, and they agreed to supply money in return for a financial interest in the company that would market the program. The major backer took 50 percent and the minor one 25 percent. Also, the company was to have exclusive marketing rights. In return, ownership of the program and all modifications remained mine, and I was to receive royalties from each sale.

I got a TRS-80 Model I toward the end of February. I began getting money and the company incorporated in March. We almost immediately sold a number of programs for \$295. As a matter of fact, the first 22 individual demonstrations produced 21 sales. The future was looking better. But as it



turned out, this was to be the high point. After a year, my health was poor, my wife was threatening to take herself and the kids back to her mother, and my finances were a disaster.

Down the Tubes

I made some bad choices. I had associates who knew nothing about software, little or nothing about computers, and no time or willingness to learn. I even had one associate who believed I spent my time loafing around and doing nothing.

I chose dealers and distributors who paid the company (my associates) royalties. I never saw any of it.

And I did too much business by handshake. To quote L.B. Mayer, "An oral agreement isn't worth the paper it's printed on."

My situation may not be typical. Many software authors have gotten a good income from distributors and have been treated well. By and large, distributors are not crooks. But if you're going to try to market your software, you should protect yourself.

First, you should see a good lawyer and follow his recommendations. Friendship and business should never be confused: One should have nothing to do with the other.

Be aware that distributors want close

Program Listing 1

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1 PRINT "COPYRIGHT 1980 BY BRUCE TONKIN ALL RIGHTS RESERVED"
2 PRINT "SERIAL NUMBER"
3 FOR I=1 TO 2000:NEXT I
10 REM THE CREATOR
20 REM
30 REM
40 REM
50 REM VERSION 1.1 DATED 2-28-80
60 REM BASIC DATA BASE PROGRAM:WRITTEN AND ADAPTED FOR TRS 80
  BY BRUCE TONKIN
70 CLEAR3000:CLS
80 PRINT"THIS IS THE CREATOR, TRS-80 V1.1. IT WILL ALLOW YOU"
90 PRINT"TO GENERATE A PROGRAM WHICH WILL CREATE AND ACCESS A DA
  TA FILE"
100 PRINT"FOR LATER USE. PLEASE INPUT THE PROPOSED PROGRAM NAME.
  "
110 PRINT"YOU ARE LIMITED TO 8 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS."
120 PRINT"PROGRAM NAME=";:LINEINPUTPN$
130 FORI=1TOLEN(PN$):A$=MID$(PN$,I,1):IFA$>"Z"ORAS<"A"THENPRINT"
  ALPHA CHARACTERS ONLY!":GOTO120
140 NEXTI
150 IF LEN(PN$)>8THENPRINT"TOO LONG":GOTO120
160 PRINT"WHEN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS RUN, WHICH DRIVE WILL CON
  TAIN THE"
170 PRINT"DATA FILE(0-3)?";
180 AN$=INKEY$:IFAN$=""THEN180 ELSEIF(AN$>"3"ORAN$<"0")THEN170

190 PRINTAN$
200 PRINT"WHICH DRIVE DO YOU WANT THE PROGRAM WRITTEN ON? (0-3)
  ";
210 DN$=INKEY$:IFDN$=""THEN210 ELSEIF(DN$>"3"ORDN$<"0")THEN200

220 PRINTDN$:DN$=":"+DN$
230 DF$=PN$+ "/"DAT: "+AN$:PN$=PN$+ "/"BAS":PQ$=PN$+DN$:OPEN"O",1,PQ$

240 PRINT#1,"1 REM*****PROGRAM NAME:";PN$;*****"
250 PRINT#1,"2 REM*****DATA FILE NAME:";DF$;*****"
260 PRINT#1,"3 REM*****DATA FILE IS ON DRIVE";AN$;*****"
270 INPUT"WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM DATA FILE SIZE, IN # OF RECORDS";M
  S
280 INPUT"WHAT IS THE RECORD LENGTH(1-255)";RR:IFRR<1ORRR>255THE
  N280 ELSERR=256/RR

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Listing 1 continues

and continuing support. They don't want to buy your program, they want to rent your program and buy you. If you can't provide the support, don't go to a distributor.

(Incidentally, that's why this program isn't going through a distributor now: I can't support it because I no longer have a machine that will run the program. Nor do I really want one.)

Distributors want to pay royalties of 5 to 25 percent, depending on the program and its selling price. I feel that's unfair. Distributors insist it is not, and some of them aren't very rich, so maybe it isn't. If you feel as I do, don't go to a distributor. Otherwise, you're just inviting mental anguish, especially when customers complain that your software is overpriced.

Expect a lag of 10 to 90 or more days after a program is sold before you get any royalties. Distributors have to deal with returned merchandise and slow payments from dealers—they can't pay you what they don't have. In the meantime, existence can be somewhat painful.

Not all distributors are entirely scrupulous. Anyone can make his books look good to a nonprofessional. If you're not an accountant or can't afford to hire one, you'll just have to take a good guess. You'll need to spend some time to choose only honest dealers and distributors. Picking honest men is not easy for some people. I guessed wrong a lot of the time.

One other thing. Distributors and dealers have been known to go bankrupt. When they do, you lose your money. I can offer no suggestions for you there.

The Flip Side

Is there any reason to go to a distributor? Yes. Distributors can and do succeed in doing the following:

- They evaluate your package. If it's weak, they'll tell you. If the software is salvageable, they'll offer suggestions for improvement. This can be the most valuable service they can perform.
- They advertise and promote your package far beyond what you could do, unless you're wealthy and a good advertising copywriter.
- They screen dealers and handle the bad apples for you.
- They provide at least some of the support. A good distributor and dealer team can save an awful lot of your time. Without this, you'd better like talking on the telephone. (You won't believe the questions you'll get, either!)
- They provide the niceties, such as packaging and printing. Believe me, this

Listing 1 continued

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290 IFMS*256/R%>85760THENPRINT"NOT ENOUGH ROOM ON A SINGLE DISK
FOR THIS.":GOTO270
300 PRINT#1,"4 REM*****MAXIMUM FILE SIZE IS";MS;" RECORDS*****
"
310 PRINT#1,"5 REM*****RECORD LENGTH IS";RR;"PACKED";R%;"PER SE
CTOR*****"
320 QS=CHR$(34)
330 PRINT"PLEASE TYPE IN A TITLE FOR YOUR GENERATED PROGRAM.":LI
NE INPUT TIS
340 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"REM CHANGE DISKS--REINITIALIZE HERE"
350 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CLEAR 3000"
360 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"OPEN";QS;"R";QS;"1,";QS;DF$;QS
370 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"ONERRORGOTO25001"
380 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"DIMF$(22),G$(22)"
390 PRINT#1,"25000 REM*****BEGIN ERROR ROUTINE*****"
400 PRINT#1,"25010 PRINT";QS;"ERROR ENCOUNTERED IN LINE";QS;"ER
L"
410 PRINT#1,"25020 PRINT";QS;"ERROR #=";QS;"ERR/2+1:CLOSE:RUN"
420 PRINT#1,"25001 IFERL<10000ANDERL>1000THENPRINT";QS;"PROBABLE
ERROR IN EDIT SPECIFICATIONS.":QS
430 PRINT#1,"32000 REM*****INITIALIZE THE HASHED FILE*****"
440 PRINT#1,"32010 PRINT";QS;"THIS WILL ERASE ALL PREVIOUS ENTRI
ES,IF ANY!":QS
450 PRINT#1,"32020 PRINT";QS;"TO CONTINUE INITIALIZATION, HIT TH
E C KEY":QS
460 PRINT#1,"32035 PRINT";QS;"THIS WILL TAKE A LITTLE WHILE.":QS
470 PRINT#1,"32030 AN$=INKEY$:IF AN$=";QS;QS;"THEN32030ELSEIFAN$
<>";QS;"C";QS;"THENRUN"
480 PRINT#1,"32040 FIELD #1,255 AS AZ$,1 AS DZ$:LSET AZ$=STRINGS
(255,255):LSET DZ$=CHR$(255)"
490 PRINT#1,"32050 FOR I=1 TO";INT(.99+MS/R%);":PUT1,I:NEXT:RUN"
500 DIMF$(22)
510 CLS:PRINT"YOU MAY NOW CHOSE AN EXIT CODE OR MESSAGE WHICH WI
LL ALLOW THE"
520 PRINT"OPERATOR OF YOUR PROGRAM TO EXIT DATA ENTRY OR UPDATE
WITHOUT"
530 PRINT"SAVING HIS LATEST CHANGES TO DISK, AND ENABLE A RETURN
TO THE"
540 PRINT"PROGRAM MENU. DO YOU WISH SUCH AN EXIT MESSAGE (Y/N)?"
550 OOS=INKEY$:IF OOS="" THEN 550 ELSE IF OOS<>"Y"ANDOOS<>"N"TH
EN510
560 IF OOS="Y" THEN PRINT"WHAT IS YOUR EXIT MESSAGE OR CODE?":L
INE INPUT OT$
570 CLS:PRINT"NOW WE MUST DESCRIBE THE POSITIONS OF THE FIELDS I
N THE FILE."
580 PRINT"THE NUMERIC FIELDS CAN BE PACKED. WHOLE NUMBERS FROM -
32767 TO"
590 PRINT"32767 CAN BE STORED AS PACKED INTEGERS IN TWO SPACES."
600 PRINT"NUMBERS NEEDING 6 DIGITS OF ACCURACY CAN BE PACKED INT
O 4."
610 PRINT"NUMBERS NEEDING UP TO 16 DIGITS OF ACCURACY WILL TAKE
8 SPACES."
620 PRINT"PACKED 6-DIGIT-ACCURACY NUMBERS ARE PACKED SINGLE PREC
ISION."
630 PRINT"PACKED 16-DIGIT-ACCURACY NUMBERS ARE PACKED DOUBLE PRE
CISION."
640 PRINT"PLEASE TAKE CARE TO ALLOCATE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF SPA
CES."
650 PRINT"FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IN YOUR RECORD, TELL ME HOW MUCH SP
ACE"
660 PRINT"TO ALLOCATE TO EACH FIELD. YOU HAVE 255 SPACES IN EACH
RECORD."
670 PRINT"AND UP TO 22 FIELDS. TYPE IN 999 WHEN YOU ARE DONE."
680 A=1
690 PRINT"FIELD #";A;" USES: ";:INPUT F$(A)
700 EX=EX+VAL(F$(A)):IFEX>RRANDF$(A)<>"999"THENPRINT"EXCEEDS";RR
;"TOTAL SPACES:TRY AGAIN.":EX=EX-VAL(F$(A)):GOTO690
710 IFF$(A)="999"ORA=22THEN780
720 PRINT"IS THIS FIELD SIZE OK?(Y/N)";
730 EX$=INKEY$:IFEX$=""THEN730 ELSEIFEX$="N"THENEX=EX-VAL(F$(A)
):GOTO690 :ELSEIFEX$<>"Y"THEN720
740 IFFR-EX=0THENPRINT:A=A+1:GOTO780
750 PRINT" ";EX$:PRINT"THEN YOU HAVE";RR-EX;" SPACES LEFT."
760 A=A+1:GOTO690
770 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"REM*****SET UP FIELDS IN DATA FILE****
*"
780 A=A-1:LN=LN+10:SL=LN:PRINT#1,LN;"FIELD 1,";:OF$="FIELD 1,"
790 FORI=1TOA-1:V=VAL(F$(I)):V$=MID$(STR$(V),2):IS=MID$(STR$(I),
2)
800 PRINT#1,V$;"AS F$(";I$;");";
810 OF$=OF$+V$+"AS F$("+I$+");";
820 NEXTI
830 PRINT#1,MID$(STR$(VAL(F$(A))),2);"AS F$(";MID$(STR$(A),2);")

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Listing 1 continues

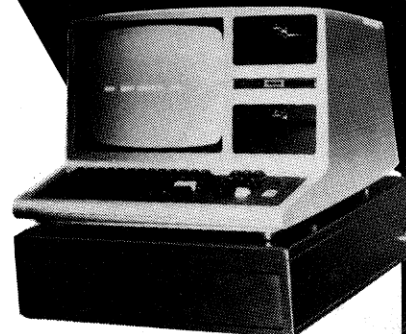

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840 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"FORI=1TO22:G$(I)=",Q$;Q$;":NEXT:FC=0:UF
=0:G$="";Q$;Q$;":CLS"
850 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINTTAB(19);";Q$;"PRODUCED BY THE CREA
TOR";Q$
860 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;STRING$((60-LEN(TI$))/2),32)
;TI$;Q$
870 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT"
880 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"ENTER DATA.....
.....DEPRESS E";Q$
890 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"LOOK UP A RECORD.....
.....DEPRESS L";Q$
900 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"SCAN ALL RECORDS ON FILE....
.....DEPRESS S";Q$
910 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"UPDATE A RECORD.....
.....DEPRESS U";Q$
920 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"DELETE A RECORD.....
.....DEPRESS D";Q$
930 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"INITIALIZE THE FILE.....
.....DEPRESS I";Q$
940 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"EXIT THE PROGRAM.....
.....DEPRESS X";Q$
950 LN=LN+10:PRINT #1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"PLEASE DEPRESS THE LETTER O
F YOUR CHOICE: NO ENTER KEY IS NEEDED";Q$
960 IF OOS="Y" THEN LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;"TO RETURN TO
THE MENU FROM UPDATE OR ENTRY WITHOUT SAVING YOUR MATERIAL TO
THE DISK, ENTER ";OTS;" FOR A FIELD ENTRY.";Q$
970 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"ANS=INKEY$:IF AN$="";Q$;Q$;"THEN";LN
980 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$<>";Q$;"E";Q$;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"L";Q$
;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"U";Q$;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"D";Q$;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"I";Q$
;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"X";Q$;"ANDAN$<>";Q$;"S";Q$;"THEN";SL
990 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"E";Q$;"THEN1000"
1000 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"L";Q$;"THEN10000"
1010 LN=LN+10:PRINT #1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"S";Q$;"THEN35000"
1020 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"U";Q$;"THEN11000"
1030 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"D";Q$;"THEN12000"
1040 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFAN$="";Q$;"I";Q$;"THEN32000"
1050 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CLOSE:NEW"
1060 DIM D$(22)
1070 PRINT#1,"10000 REM*****BEGIN THE FILE LOOK-UP ROUTINE*****
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1080 PRINT#1,"11000 REM*****BEGIN THE FILE UPDATE ROUTINE*****
***
1090 PRINT#1,"12000 REM*****BEGIN THE RECORD DELETE ROUTINE*****
***
1100 INPUT"WHICH FIELD IS THE KEY FIELD? INPUT THE FIELD NUMBER:
";KF
1110 OF$=OF$+F$(A)+"AS F$( "+"MID$(STR$(A),2)+" )"
1120 IF R%>1 THEN R=INSTR(OF$,"");OF$=LEFT$(OF$,R)+MID$(STR$(RR
),2)+"P% AS TX$,"+MID$(OF$,R+1)
1130 PRINT#1,"35000 FOR K=0 TO";MS-1;":RP=K:OS=1:GOSUB27040"
1140 PRINT#1,"35010 IF F$(";"KF;")>CHR$(249) THEN35990"
1150 PRINT#1,"35050 GOSUB28000:REM UNPACK RECORD FOR DISPLAY"
1160 PRINT#1,"35960 GOSUB29000:REM DISPLAY THE RECORD"
1170 PRINT#1,"35970 FOR J=1 TO 2000:NEXTJ:REM WAIT A LITTLE BIT
BEFORE NEXT RECORD"
1180 PRINT#1,"35990 NEXTK:GOTO";SL
1190 LN=1000:PRINT#1,LN;"CLS:REM*****BEGIN ENTRY*****"
1200 GOSUB1210 :GOTO1450
1210 PRINT"NOW WE MUST DESCRIBE THE INPUT PROMPTS THE OPERATOR W
ILL SEE,"
1220 PRINT"THE EDITS TO BE PERFORMED, AND THE DATA TYPE FOR EACH
FIELD."
1230 PRINT"TO DO THIS, WE WILL ASK A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT E
ACH FIELD."
1240 PRINT"TO THE QUESTION";Q$;"KIND OF DATA";Q$;"THE POSSIBLE A
NSWERS ARE:"
1250 PRINT"N.....NUMERIC DATA, NOT PACKED-STORED AS C
HARACTER."
1260 PRINT"PI.....PACKED INTEGER DATA, STORED AS 2 CHA
RACTERS."
1270 PRINT"PS.....PACKED SINGLE-PRECISION NUMBER, 4 CH
ARACTERS."
1280 PRINT"PD.....PACKED DOUBLE-PRECISION NUMBER, 8 CH
ARACTERS."
1290 PRINT"C.....CHARACTER DATA-ANY CHARACTER IS OK"
1300 PRINT"YOU MAY TYPE THE WORD HELP TO REPEAT THESE INSTRUCTIO
NS LATER."
1310 PRINT"HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE."
1320 P$=INKEY$:IF P$="" THEN1320
1330 CLS:PRINT"TO THE PROMPT QUESTION, TYPE IN THE OPERATOR'S QU
ESTION."
1340 PRINT"TO THE BAD INPUT IF QUESTION, INPUT AS MANY EDITS AS
YOU WANT "
1350 PRINT"OF THE FORM: <999      =3      >456.5      <=9"
1360 PRINT"<";Q$;"A";Q$;" NOTE THE QUOTES AROUND ALPHABETIC ED
ITS."

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Listing 1 continues

Control Cash & Inventory at Check-out



NEW SYSTEM MAKES TRS-80 III A TOTAL CASH REGISTER & POINT-OF-SALE COMPUTER

Which performs all the normal functions of a computer and is specially programmed to....

- COMPUTE Sales Taxes, Discounts, Special Sales and Promotions
- TRACKS Sales by Type, such as Visa, Mastercard, Check, Charge, etc. and by Employee/Operator for up to 30 people
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- Complete, Ready-to-Run SOFTWARE comes with Cash Control Drawer Unit
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- DRAWER operates automatically or by manual override anytime
- Generates RECEIPTS on Printer
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- Operates on 110AC or 220AC...just plug it in
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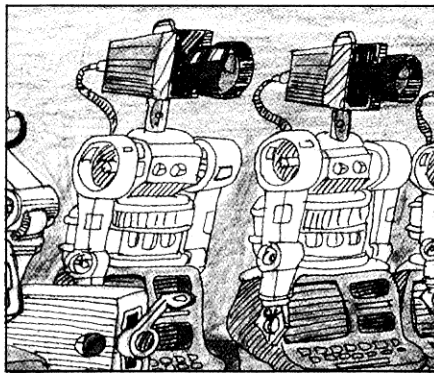
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can be a real pain if you have to do it yourself, even if your family helps. Unpaid labor has been known to strike over working conditions.

What Customers Expect

There is no essential difference between buying software and buying a pair of shoes. Any salesman will tell you the customer is looking for fit, style, and price. Which one is most important depends on the customer. Your software must "fit" the customer's needs. Style applies to both packaging and program appearance. Price depends on the program's function.

A word about pricing. Generally, if you go through a distributor, a program must either be a game or sell for over \$50. Otherwise, it's not worth his time. In my opinion, most of the \$50 programs should sell for about \$10, and most of the \$100-\$150 programs should sell for about \$20. The difference is just about the dealer's and distributor's



markup.

Of course, if a program is to be sold at all, it must be advertised. Advertising and demonstrations can cost half or more of a package's selling price. I can only afford to sell this program for \$10 because this article is essentially free advertising.

Customers have grown to expect fancy packaging and well-printed (not nec-

essarily good, but good-looking) manuals. I think this is unreasonable: It prevents many packages from ever reaching the marketplace. Most customers will never read the documentation, anyway. The lesson here: Make your software so easy to run that little or no documentation is required.

I would advise software purchasers to buy generic, but buy with care. Organize or join a club. Pool your funds, and have the club buy one package for evaluation. If the software is worthwhile, then have the interested members each buy a copy.

Never pirate software. It's not fair to the writer. If you want to see something even better than the piece of code in your hot little hands, encourage the author with some rightfully earned profit.

On the other hand, stay away from over-priced software. Sooner or later, the price will come down, even if not all the way to \$10.

Expectations and Enhancements

Here is what I expected the program to do:

1. Write bug-free Basic programs. Ideally, no bug could ever be generated, no matter what the provocation; program size limitations and program speed trade-offs resulted in a modification of this. Generally, I achieved this objective.

2. The programs could access records in a data file by a key. This access had to be quick (preferably less than one second), operator transparent, require no sort, and make no assumptions about the operating system or the processor chip used. I wanted to be completely flexible, and not be committed to just Radio Shack gear. This meant I could not use a sort, since it would have to be written in Basic (and at the TRS-80's operating speed, be painfully slow).

A sort presented several other problems. Any sort would not be operator-transparent. Also, any access or write based on a sort (even B-TREE) would be either slow to read or slow to write a record. This was unacceptable. Finally, if a sorted index file were used, then disk failure would cause terrible problems for the user.

Therefore, I reasoned, why should any sort be used? The sort, after all, would only be needed when and if the

records had to be printed in sorted order. Access, in Basic, is by record number: thus, what I needed was a way to convert the key to a record number.

I wondered (and I still do) why everyone else seemed to have settled on sorting and binary search. There is, after all, a big difference between retrieving records and printing reports.

I investigated several methods, but settled on hashing. Hashing, as I used it, consisted of taking a key composed of one of more alphanumeric characters and converting it to a number in the range of 1 to the maximum number of records permitted on a single disk. The hashing algorithm had to be reasonably random. I tested it to make sure it was: the generator I used was capable of generating numbers more random than Microsoft's RND function. I used a simple Chi-squared test to be sure.

The record access had to be reasonably quick. A peculiarity of Microsoft Basic and a floppy-disk-based computer is that it is much quicker to read even 10 long records placed consecutively than it is to read just two records placed widely apart. (That, by the way, is why a binary search technique is necessarily inferior to hashing for speedy access.) For that reason, I

wrote the Creator so that the generated programs would search consecutive locations in the data file after generating the hashed record number; any access past the end of the file would wrap around to the beginning. Hashing has another benefit, particularly important to anyone using a disk drive: head movement is generally less than with any other approach. Therefore, disk drives should last longer before needing repair or adjustment. The result is that a program generated by the Creator can read any record within about a half-second after the disk drive is turned on.

3. Records needed to be capable of being updated on any field. This was easy. I just fixed it so that an update on the key field deleted the old record and wrote a new one at the new hashed position. Otherwise, the updated record would be written at the same position.

4. Records had to be any length, up to the maximum length of a record permitted within Basic. This was 255 bytes, at the time.

5. I wanted at least 20 fields allowed per record.

6. The data file had to be as bullet-proof as possible. Bad sectors, power

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1370 PRINT"NOT NUMERIC" NO ENTRY LENGTH<9"
1380 PRINT"NOT ALPHA" CONTAINS";Q$;"Z";Q$
1390 PRINT:PRINT"TO THE QUESTION ERROR MESSAGE TYPE THE MESSAGE
TO BE DISPLAYED"
1400 PRINT"IF THAT ERROR IS MADE BY THE OPERATOR."
1410 PRINT"YOU MAY SIGNAL COMPLETION OF EDITS FOR ANY FIELD BY M
AKING NO"
1420 PRINT"ENTRY AND HITTING THE ENTER KEY. HIT ANY KEY TO CONTI
NUE."
1430 P$=INKEY$:IFP$=""THEN1430
1440 RETURN
1450 FOR I=1TOA:I$=MID$(STR$(I),2)
1460 PRINT"FIELD #";I;" LENGTH=";L=VAL(P$(I)):PRINTL
1470 P$="":PRINT"PROMPT:";:LINE INPUTP$:IFP$="HELP"THENGOSUB1210
:GOTO1470
1480 K$="":INPUT"KIND OF DATA";K$:IFK$="HELP"THENGOSUB1210 :GOTO
1480
1490 IFK$<>"N"ANDK$<>"PI"ANDK$<>"PS"ANDK$<>"PD"ANDK$<>"C"THENPRI
NT"INVALID KIND OF DATA. N, PI, PS, PD, OR C PLEASE.":GOTO1480
1500 IF(K$="PI"ANDL<2)OR(K$="PS"ANDL<4)OR(K$="PD"ANDL<8)THENP
RINT"INCORRECT FIELD LENGTH FOR DATA TYPE.":GOTO1480
1510 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";Q$;P$;Q$;BL=LN
1520 IF K$<>"C"THENPRINT#1,BL+1;"IFUF<>0"ANDG$="";Q$;Q$;"THENG$=G$
(";I$;")"
1530 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"LINE INPUTG$(";I$;")";:D$(I)=LN:IFOO$=
"N" THEN PRINT#1," " ELSEPRINT#1,":IFG$(";I$;")="";Q$;OT$;Q$;"THEN
";SL
1540 IF K$="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"MORE";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1550 IF K$="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN+2;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"LESS";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(-VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1560 IFK$="PS"THENPRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"MORE";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CSNG(VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1570 IFK$="PS"THENPRINT#1,LN+2;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"LESS";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CSNG(-VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1580 IFK$="PD"THENPRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"MORE";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1590 IFK$="PD"THENPRINT#1,LN+2;"IFUF<>0"THENG1=INSTR(G$(";I$;"),
";Q$;"LESS";Q$;):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(-VAL(G$(";I$;"))+VAL(G$)):G$(
";I$;")=MID$(STR$(G$),2+SGN(G$)/2)
1600 IFK$="PI"THENLN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFABS(VAL(G$(";I$;")))>32
767THENPRINT";Q$;"NUMBER OUT OF RANGE. MUST BE FROM -32767 TO 32
767.":Q$;":GOTO";BL
1610 IFK$="PI"THENLN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFINT(VAL(G$(";I$;")))<>V
AL(G$(";I$;"))THENPRINT";Q$;"MUST BE WHOLE NUMBER.":Q$;":GOTO";B
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1620 BI$="":PRINT"BAD INPUT IF.":LINEINPUTBI$:IFBI$=""THEN1760

1630 IF BI$="HELP"THENGOSUB1210 :GOTO1620
1640 PRINT"ERROR MESSAGE.":LINEINPUTEM$:IFEM$="HELP"THENGOSUB12
10 :GOTO1640
1650 IFINSTR(BI$,"NOT NUMERIC")>0THEN1660 ELSEIFINSTR(BI$,"NOT A
LPHA")>0THEN1670 ELSEIFINSTR(BI$,"NO ENTRY")>0THEN1680 ELSEIFINS
TR(BI$,"CONTAINS")>0THEN1690 ELSEIFINSTR(BI$,"LENGTH")>0THEN1720
ELSE1730
1660 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CD$=G$(";I$;"):E=0:GOSUB30000:IFE=1THE
NPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:GOTO1620
1670 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CD$=G$(";I$;"):E=0:GOSUB31000:IFE=1THE
NPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:GOTO1620
1680 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFLEN(G$(";I$;"))=0THENPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q
$;":GOTO";BL:GOTO1620
1690 FH=INSTR(BI$,Q$):IFFH<1THENPRINT"YOU FORGOT QUOTES.":FH=0:G
OTO1620
1700 IF FH>1THENFH$=MID$(BI$,FH+1,1):LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFINST
R(G$(";I$;"),";Q$;FH$;Q$;)>0THENPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:FH=
0:GOTO1620
1710 PRINT"SYNTAX ERROR. THE WORD CONTAINS SHOULD NOT BE SET OFF
BY QUOTES":GOTO1620
1720 FH=INSTR(BI$,"LENGTH"):LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFLEN(G$(";I$;")
);MID$(BI$,FH+6);":THENPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:FH=0:GOTO162
0
1730 IFINSTR(BI$,">")<1ANDINSTR(BI$,"<")<1ANDINSTR(BI$,"=")<1THE
NPRINT"SYNTAX ERROR. REPEAT COMMAND, PLEASE.":GOTO1620
1740 C=INSTR(BI$,Q$):IFC>0THENLN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFG$(";I$;")
";BI$;"THENPRINT";Q$;EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:GOTO1620
1750 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFVAL(G$(";I$;"))>0;BI$;"THENPRINT";Q$;
EM$;Q$;":GOTO";BL:GOTO1620
1760 LN=LN+10:IFK$="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN;"G$(";I$;")=MKI$(VAL(G$(";
I$;")))
1770 IFK$="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN+10+I;"IFUF<>";I$;"THENG$(";I$;")=MK
I$(VAL(G$(";I$;")))
1780 IFK$="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN+20000;"G$(";I$;")=STR$(CVI(P$(I$;
";I$;)))"

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Listing 1 continues

FOR TRS-80 MODEL I OR III IBM PERSONAL COMPUTER

- ★ **MORE SPEED**
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Excellent full-screen Editor, structured & modular programming
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1790 IFK$="PS"THENPRINT#1,LN;"G$(";I$;")=MK$$(VAL(G$(";I$;")))
1800 IFK$="PS"THENPRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUF<>";I$;"THENG$(";I$;")=MK
S$$(VAL(G$(";I$;")))
1810 IFK$="PS"THENPRINT#1,RL+28000;"G$(";I$;")=STR$(CVS(F$(";I$;
")))"
1820 IFK$="PD"THENPRINT#1,LN;"G$(";I$;")=MKD$$(VAL(G$(";I$;")))
1830 IFK$="PD"THENPRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUF<>";I$;"THENG$(";I$;")=MK
D$$(VAL(G$(";I$;")))
1840 IFK$="PD"THENPRINT#1,RL+28000;"G$(";I$;")=STR$(CVD(F$(";I$;
")))"
1850 IFK$="N"ORK$="C"THENPRINT#1,RL+28000;"G$(";I$;")=F$(";I$;")
"
1860 RL=RL+10:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"RETURN":NEXTI
1870 PRINT#1,"10200 GOSUB28000"
1880 PRINT#1,"11200 GOSUB28000"
1890 PRINT#1,"12200 GOSUB28000"
1900 PRINT#1,"1005 FC=FC+1"
1910 PRINT#1,"1006 ONFCGOSUB";
1920 FORI=1TOA-1:PRINT#1,MID$(STR$(D$(I)-10),2);",";:NEXT:PRINT#
1,D$(A)-10
1930 PRINT#1,"1007 IFFC<";A;"THEN1005ELSE";LN+10
1940 PRINT#1,"10010 CLS:GOSUB 27000" 'TRY TO FI
ND THE RECORD"
1950 PRINT#1,"10199 REM*****UNPACK THE FIELDS IN THE FILE FOR D
ISPLAY*****"
1960 PRINT#1,"11010 CLS:GOSUB27000" 'TRY TO FI
ND THE RECORD"
1970 PRINT#1,"11199 REM*****UNPACK THE FIELDS IN THE FILE FOR D
ISPLAY*****"
1980 PRINT#1,"12010 CLS:GOSUB27000" 'TRY TO FI
ND THE RECORD"
1990 PRINT#1,"12199 REM*****UNPACK THE FIELDS IN THE FILE FOR D
ISPLAY*****"
2000 PRINT#1,"10799 REM*****DISPLAY RECORD IF MATCH ON KEY*****
*"
2010 PRINT#1,"10800 GOSUB29000"
2020 PRINT#1,"11799 REM*****DISPLAY RECORD IF MATCH ON KEY*****
*"
2030 PRINT#1,"11800 GOSUB29000"
2040 PRINT#1,"12799 REM*****DISPLAY RECORD IS MATCH ON KEY*****
*"
2050 PRINT#1,"12800 GOSUB29000"
2060 PRINT#1,"28998 RETURN"
2070 PRINT#1,"28999 REM*****DISPLAY FOUND RECORD*****"
2080 PRINT#1,"27999 REM*****UNPACK FIELDS IN RECORD*****"
2090 PRINT#1,"29000 CLS:IF OS=0 THENPRINT";Q$;"IS THIS IT? (PLEA
SE PRESS Y IF CORRECT)";Q$
2100 PRINT#1,"29010 FORI=1TO";A
2110 DIMH$(22)
2120 PRINT"WHEN THE DATA IS DISPLAYED, WHAT TITLE WILL EXPLAIN T
HE DATA IN"
2130 FORI=1TOA
2140 PRINT"FIELD NUMBER:";I;:LINEINPUTH$(I)
2150 PRINT#1,22000+I;"DATA ";H$(I)
2160 NEXT
2170 PRINT#1,"29020 READR$:PRINTR$";Q$;";Q$";G$(I)";
2180 PRINT#1,"";"TAB(50)";",";Q$;"FIELD #";Q$;"I"
2190 PRINT#1,"29030 NEXT:RESTORE"
2195 PRINT#1,"29035 IF OS=1 THEN RETURN"
2200 PRINT#1,"12900 REM*****DELETE CODE WRITTEN IN ALL FIELDS**
*****"
2210 PRINT#1,"12905 R$=(RP-1)/";R$;"*1:P$=(RP-1)-(R$-1)*";R$
2220 PRINT#1,"12910 FIELD 1,";RR;"*P$ AS DX$";RR;" AS DL$:LSET
DL$=STRING$(255,250):PUT 1,R$:GOTO";SL
2230 PRINT#1,"29050 AN$=INKEY$:IFAN$=";Q$;Q$;"THEN29050"
2240 PRINT#1,"29055 IFAN$<>";Q$;"Y";Q$;"THENGOSUB27040:GOSUB2800
0:GOTO29000"
2250 PRINT#1,"10860 GOTO";SL
2260 PRINT#1,"11810 PRINT";Q$;"WHAT FIELD NUMBER DO YOU WANT TO
UPDATE?";Q$
2270 PRINT#1,"11820 INPUTUF"
2280 PRINT#1,"11840 IFUF<>";A;"ORUF<1THENPRINT";Q$;"INVALID FIELD
";Q$;":GOTO11810"
2300 PRINT#1,"11860 ONUFGOSUB";
2310 FORTZ=1TOA-1:PRINT#1,MID$(STR$(D$(TZ)-10),2);",";:NEXT:PRIN
T#1,D$(A)-10
2320 PRINT#1,"11865 R$=(RP-1)/";R$;"*1:P$=RP-1-(R$-1)*";R$
2330 PRINT#1,"11870 IFUF<>";KF;"THEN11900ELSEZZ$=G$(";KF;"):FIEL
D1,";RR;"*P$ AS DX$";RR;"AS DL$:LSET DL$=STRING$(255,250):PUT 1
,R$:GOSUB26000"
2340 PRINT#1,"11900 REM*****BEGIN OUTPUT*****"
2350 PRINT#1,"11995 ";OF$
2360 PRINT#1,"11998 REM*****INSERT CHANGED FIELDS INTO RECORD A
ND SEND*****"
2370 PRINT#1,"11999 FORI=1TO";A;":LSET F$(I)=G$(I):NEXT:PUT 1,R$
:GOTO";SL

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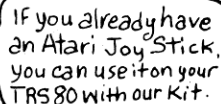


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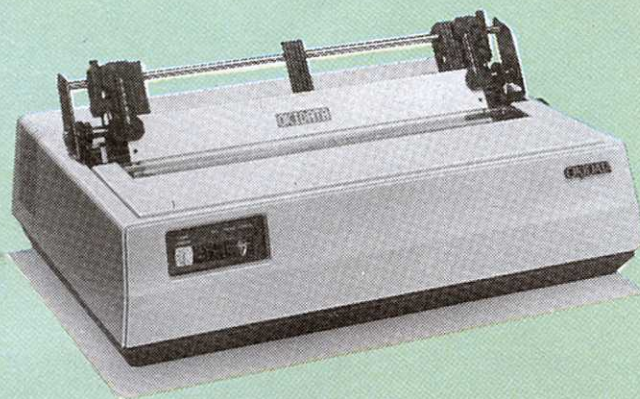
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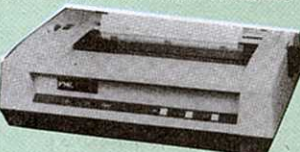
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failures, and operating system bugs had to do minimal damage to records. This condition meant I had to pre-allocate all the space in a file. Doing this verifies that the disk (at least at the start) is error-free and has sufficient space to hold the proposed file. Furthermore, once all the space is pre-allocated, if any sector is damaged, only that sector is lost. Only a directory read error might damage the whole file; that was something I couldn't guard against. However, copying the directory from a back-up disk to the damaged disk would suffice to completely recover the data, provided the data disk and its backup were identical in the directory.

Pre-allocation assures that the two disks can be made to have identical directories. The trade-off, here, is that initializing the data file becomes a necessity, and adds to the time necessary to set up the generated program to run. After my Model I had crashed 15 times or so, I was convinced I had made a wise choice. About 70 percent of the first 100 or so crashes were hardware-related, and I was able to successfully recover all data more than 90 percent of the time.

7. Anyone using my program generator needed complete freedom to check for data-input errors, print error-messages of his choice, display computed data based on fields in the record, update fields based on the result of a computation, and state record length, field length, field type, and number of fields.

8. Record space utilization had to be efficient.

Fortunately, Microsoft Basic on the TRS-80 lets you pack any numeric data. Other Basics, such as CBasic or Applesoft, do not allow such space savings. CBasic, in fact, requires record and field delimiters or substring operations to extract field data. This capricious requirement is extraordinarily wasteful of disk space: in fact, CBasic records can be as much as 8 times as long as Microsoft packed data, and normally are about twice as large. Anyone who has bought CBasic for a computer that permits only a limited amount of disk storage (less than several megabytes) has, in my opinion, made a serious error. Even for a computer with essentially unlimited disk space, larger records mean longer access times. For many other

reasons, CBasic is much the inferior of Microsoft, and (again in my opinion) Tandy's decision to put this extraordinarily good version of Microsoft Basic on the TRS-80 was one of the best decisions they ever made.

Incidentally, I find it almost incredible how many microcomputer manufacturers produce and proudly sell machines as "business solutions" when simple things like packing data, multiple-precision arithmetic, line input, substring matching and print formatting are impossible without all kinds of gyrations. If those nameless manufacturers of 6502-based toys had paid Microsoft to put a good Basic on their machines, I seriously doubt the cost would have amounted to as much as a dollar a machine. Yet nobody but Radio Shack, of all companies, saw fit to make this honest effort. Instead, the 6502-based computer manufacturers spent a lot of money on half-truthful celebrity advertising, graphics, and games. Then, promoting their machines for business applications, they sold a ton of these game machines. Ah, well.

9. The program generated needed to handle an indefinite number of records on an indefinite number of disks.

Yet another reason to go to hashing: no key file space is needed, no tables to store in memory and take up program space, no worry about the time needed to do a binary search. The programs generated can handle millions or billions of records, given a sufficient number of floppy disks and a patient operator.

10. The program had to be easy to run, even for someone not knowing much about Basic. I tested the program on my associates, both of whom were well-qualified on this score.

11. The program had to run in a single-drive 32K system, to maximize the number of possible customers.

Unfortunately, this meant I could not continue improving my program past a certain point. Once memory became too short, I had to quit the improvements and leave at least a little space to fix later bugs. The Creator will still run in a 32K machine, but it could have been a better program, with more error-checking and more capabilities.

12. The generated program had to be as modular as possible, and permit

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Design Limitations/ Possible Enhancements

Here are the changes you might make, and the reasons I did not:

Nonetheless, I did write a simple sort program for the Model II and the CP/M market. I came to regret it, too. Customers complained it was too slow and found numerous ways to make it even slower or fail to run at all. No sort in the world will sort a data file correctly when asked to sort the wrong field.

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590 PRINT"WE NEED TO SET THE TABS FOR YOUR";B;"COLUMNS. INDICATE
THE SET:"
600 FORI=1TOB
610 PRINT"TAB SETTING FOR COLUMN NUMBER";I;";":INPUT T(I)
620 IF T(I)>255 OR T(I)<1 THEN PRINT"NOT A VALID TAB SETTING.":G
OTO610
630 NEXT
640 PRINT#1,"30050 DATA ";
650 FOR I=1 TO B-1
660 PRINT#1,T(I);";";
670 NEXT
680 PRINT#1,T(B)
690 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PG=1 'INITIALIZE PAGE COUNTER"
700 PRINT#1,LN+5;"REM*****NOW FOLLOWS THE RECORD RETRIEVAL SECTI
ON*****"
710 PRINT"DO YOU WANT THE PAGES NUMBERED (Y/N)?";
720 PG$=INKEY$:IFPG$=" "THEN720 ELSE IF(PG$<>"Y"ANDPG$<>"N")THEN
PRINT"INVALID ANSWER.":GOTO710
730 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"FORI=1TO10000"
740 LN=LN+10:KZ=LN
750 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFF$(1)<CHR$(1)THEN20000"
760 IFPG$="Y"THENPRINT"HOW MANY LINES PER PAGE";:INPUTL
770 L=L-1
780 PRINT"THE DATA TO BE PRINTED IN THE VARIOUS COLUMNS OF THE R
EPORT"
790 PRINT"COMES FROM THE FIELDS IN THE RECORD. NOW WE MUST FIND
OUT WHAT"
800 PRINT"KIND OF DATA IS IN EACH FIELD. YOU MUST TELL ME IF IT
IS"
810 PRINT"CHARACTER (C), NUMERIC UNPACKED (N), PACKED INTEGER (P
I),"
820 PRINT"PACKED SINGLE PRECISION(PS), OR PACKED DOUBLE PRECISIO
N(PD). "
830 PRINT"YOU MUST DESCRIBE EACH FIELD IN THE RECORD. IF THERE I
S A FIELD"
840 PRINT"IN THE RECORD YOU ARE NOT USING, DESCRIBE IT AS CHARAC
TER(C). "
850 FOR I=1 TO A
860 PRINT"FIELD NUMBER";I;";LENGTH IS";F$(I);";DATA TYPE IS";:IN
PUTD$(I)
870 IFD$(I)<>"C"ANDD$(I)<>"N"ANDD$(I)<>"PI"ANDD$(I)<>"PS"ANDD$(I
)<>"PD"THENPRINT"C,N,PI,PS,OR PD ARE THE ONLY VALID DATA TYPES."
:GOTO860
880 IF D$(I)="PI"ANDF$(I)<>2THENPRINT"WRONG LENGTH FOR PACKED IN
TEGER.":GOTO860
890 IF D$(I)="PS"ANDF$(I)<>4THENPRINT"WRONG LENGTH FOR PACKED SI
NGLE PRECISION.":GOTO860
900 IFD$(I)="PD"ANDF$(I)<>8THENPRINT"WRONG LENGTH FOR PACKED DOU
BLE PRECISION.":GOTO860
910 NEXT
920 FORI=1TOA:PRINT"FIELD NUMBER:";I;"LENGTH=";F$(I);"TYPE:";D$(
I):NEXT
930 PRINT"ARE THESE FIELD DEFINITIONS CORRECT? DEPRESS N FOR NO.
"
940 JX$=INKEY$:IFJX$=" "THEN940 ELSEIFJX$<>"N"THEN980
950 PRINT"WHICH FIELD IS NOT CORRECT? TELL ME THE NUMBER.":INPUT
I
960 PRINT"WHAT IS THE DATA TYPE?";:INPUT D$(I):IFD$(I)<>"N"ANDD$(
I)<>"C"ANDD$(I)<>"PI"ANDD$(I)<>"PS"ANDD$(I)<>"PD"THENPRINT"INVA
LID TYPE.":GOTO960
970 IF(D$(I)="PI"ANDF$(I)<>2)OR(D$(I)="PS"ANDF$(I)<>4)OR(D$(I)="
PD"ANDF$(I)<>8) THENPRINT"WRONG LENGTH FOR DATA TYPE.":GOTO960
980 PRINT:FOR I=1 TO A
990 LN=LN+10:IFD$(I)="C"ORD$(I)="N"THENPRINT#1,LN;"P$(";I;")=F$(
";I;")"
1000 IFD$(I)="PI"THENPRINT#1,LN;"P(";I;")=CVI(F$(";I;"))"
1010 IF D$(I)="PS" THENPRINT#1,LN;"P(";I;")=CVS(F$(";I;"))"
1020 IF D$(I)="PD" THENPRINT#1,LN;"P#(";I;")=CVD(F$(";I;"))"
1030 NEXT
1040 PRINT"NOW WE MUST DESCRIBE WHAT IS TO GO INTO THE COLUMNS O
F THE"
1050 PRINT"REPORT. YOU MUST WRITE SENTENCES OF THE FOLLOWING FOR
M:"
1060 PRINT"COLUMN(5)=FIELD(2)+FIELD(5) "
1070 PRINT"COLUMN(1)=(FIELD(2)-FIELD(6))/FIELD(7)
1080 PRINT"IF COLUMN(3)=";Q$;"JOHNSON";Q$;"THEN COLUMN(3)=473.6
4"
1090 PRINT"V1=COLUMN(1)/COLUMN(2):V2=100*V1:COLUMN(3)=V2
1100 PRINT"IF FIELD(3)=<0 THEN SKIP"
1110 PRINT"IF FIELD(4)<100 OR FIELD(7)=";Q$;"LAWYER";Q$;"THEN S
KIP"
1120 PRINT:PRINT"WHERE THE V ARE WORK VARIABLES AND THE COLONS C
AN BE USED TO"
1130 PRINT"SEPARATE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMANDS YOU MAY WANT TO EXEC
UTE ON THE"
1140 PRINT"SAME LINE. THE COMPUTER READS THE COMMANDS FROM LEFT
TO RIGHT."

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A Word About Documentation

Frankly, the original documentation for the TRS-80 Model I and II versions of the Creator and Reporter was not very good. All the information you'll probably need was there—somewhere. Finding it was a little tricky. I don't think I write that poorly. But I made several errors when writing the manual. Here's where I went wrong.

First, I wrote the entire manual on a typewriter. After you've typed 60 or 80 pages, you'll find that it's too late and too frustrating to revise and add material. Proofreading is more trouble than it should be. Making copies is a chore.

I suggest that you write your manual with a word processor. Any is better than none at all—it is not possible to do worse than with a typewriter and paper.

Second, I wrote the manual myself. Nothing wrong there, except that I wrote the programs. It's difficult for a programmer to anticipate the questions and errors a user might make. If you must write the manual yourself, have some interested and intelligent nonprogrammer read your copy and make suggestions. Then give the manual to several idiots and ask them to run your program. Watch how they go wrong and take notes, but do not help them. When you've recovered from the shock, rewrite your manual and try the whole procedure again. Repeat, using different idiots, until even they get everything right.

Third, one of the associates absolutely insisted that the manual be retyped to make a camera-ready copy. If you use a word processor, do not (under any circumstances) permit this step. When my Apple manual was retyped, it ended up with over 100 typographical errors (the associate didn't believe in proofreading), some of which were disastrous. The first 100 copies had to be discarded, and this was the single act that led to the demise of the corporation.

Beg, borrow, or steal a good letter-quality printer. Dump your manual to it. Any error will be yours.

Fourth, be careful to organize your manual well. Include plenty of indexes, and a table of contents. The contents should be organized logically, so that anyone running the program will not be skipping from one section to another. Put anything technical in appendices.

Fifth, include lots of examples, including at least one complete run-through of your program.

Finally, be prepared to have users ignore the manual, and reviewers criticize it for shortcomings. My experience has been that only about 20 percent of the

tions. Furthermore, after investigating the matter, I decided that the questions I would have to ask, and the possible input errors I would need to check, would require enough memory to demand a 48K machine. Not only that, but such routines would make the Creator and the generated programs less transportable.

3. Add routines to mask input, character by character, for undesirable responses. Again, Basic was too slow and assembler too nontransportable. Even worse, such routines seem to provoke garbage collection on the part of the Microsoft interpreter; the worst time to have something like garbage collection is during data input. I thought this modification would be a terrible one, and still do.

4. Add more features: more error checking, more help messages, flexible levels of help messages, etc. The problem here was simple. I wanted to do this, but memory limitations did not permit it.

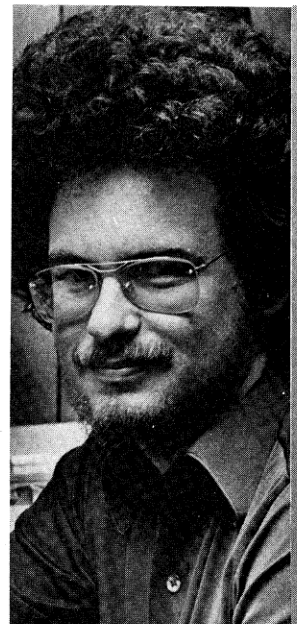
5. Separate the "get the user response" section from the "generate code" section. I thought about this and rejected it for the TRS-80 market. The modification was attractive and would have freed more memory for each module, but it would have made the Creator more complex to operate and would have demanded a more sophisticated operator than I saw at the time. I still think this was the right decision; I can remember getting some unbelievable calls for support from people who didn't know how to format disks, enter Basic, or load programs. Adding another program module meant another module to destroy or misunderstand.

I made this modification for the CP/M market. The file containing the operator responses looks like a Basic program to the Microsoft interpreter, and can be loaded and modified without rerunning the program generator. The "generate program specifications" module is separate from the "generate a program from specifications" module. Indeed, the latter consists of three separate programs, in the CP/M version. Operators haven't had much trouble with this, so perhaps I was wrong to leave it out of the TRS-80 version.

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1150 PRINT"*=MULTIPLICATION, /=DIVISION, [=EXPONENTIATION, --SUB
TRACTION,"
1160 PRINT"AND + IS EITHER ADDITION OR CONCATENATION."
1170 PRINT"DEPRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE."
1180 AN$=INKEY$:IF AN$="" THEN 1180
1190 CLS:PRINT"YOU MUST REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE CHARACTER DATA WITH
QUOTES."
1200 PRINT"YOU MUST ALSO REMEMBER TO PUT A $ SIGN AFTER A COLUMN
"
1210 PRINT"WHICH WILL PRINT STRING DATA. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR MANU
AL."
1220 PRINT"BECAUSE THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES G
IVEN."
1230 PRINT"COLUMNS WHICH CONTAIN DOUBLE PRECISION NUMBERS SHOULD
BE"
1240 PRINT"INDICATED BY APPENDING A # SIGN, AS IN THE EXAMPLES."
1250 PRINT"YOU CAN STORE RUNNING TOTALS WITH STATEMENTS LIKE:"
1260 PRINT"V3=V3+FIELD(6)"
1270 PRINT:PRINT"YOU MAY TYPE AS MANY MANIPULATIONS AS YOU WANT
FOR ANY COLUMN"
1280 PRINT"IN ANY ORDER. TYPE IN 999 <ENTER> WHEN YOU ARE COMPLE
TED."
1290 M$=STRING$(50,32)
1300 LINEINPUTSX$:IF SX$="999" THEN 1470
1310 C=INSTR(SX$,"FIELD"):IF C>1 THEN SX$=LEFT$(SX$,C-1)+"P"+MID$(S
X$,C+5):GOTO 1310
1320 IFC=1 THEN PRINT"FIELDS CANNOT BE REDEFINED. PLEASE REVIEW DO
CUMENTATION.":GOTO 1300
1330 D=INSTR(SX$,"COLUMN"):D1=INSTR(SX$,"=")
1340 C=INSTR(SX$,"COLUMN"):IF C>1 THEN SX$=LEFT$(SX$,C-1)+MID$(SX$,C
+5):GOTO 1340
1350 IFC=1 THEN PRINT"SYNTAX ERROR.":GOTO 1300
1360 PRINT"IS THIS OK? IF NOT, DEPRESS N TO DELETE THE INSTRUCTI
ON."
1370 JX$=INKEY$:IF JX$="" THEN 1370 ELSE IF JX$="N" THEN 1300 ELSE PRINT
"OK, READY FOR NEXT COMMAND (999 TO EXIT)"
1380 IF LEFT$(SX$,1)="" OR LEFT$(SX$,2)="" THEN LN=LN+10:PRIN
T #1, LN; SX$:GOTO 1300
1390 IF D<1 OR D1<1 THEN PRINT"WAIT A MINUTE. . .INVALID COLUMN DEFIN
ITION: RE-INPUT.":GOTO 1300
1400 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; SX$
1410 D=INSTR(SX$,""):D1=INSTR(SX$,""):D$=MID$(SX$,D+1,D1-1)
1420 D=INSTR(D$,""):IF D=1 THEN D$=MID$(D$,2):GOTO 1420
1430 IF D>1 THEN D$=LEFT$(D$,D-1):GOTO 1420
1440 D=VAL(D$)
1450 IF INSTR(SX$,"$")>0 AND (INSTR(SX$,"$")<INSTR(SX$,"=")) THEN
MID$(M$,D,1)=""S":GOTO 1460
1451 IF INSTR(SX$,"#")>0 AND (INSTR(SX$,"#")<INSTR(SX$,"=")) THEN
MID$(M$,D,1)=""M":GOTO 1460
1452 MID$(M$,D,1)=""D"
1460 GOTO 1300
1470 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; M$=""; Q$; M$; Q$
1480 IF PR$="PRINT" THEN LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IFL=0 THEN CLS:PRINT
TAB(30); T$=""; GOTO 1500
1490 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IFL=0 THEN"; PR$; CHR$(12); TAB(30); T$="";
1500 IF PG$="Y" THEN PRINT#1, PR$; " TAB(65);"; Q$; "PAGE NUMBER"; Q$; "
;PG" ELSE PRINT#1, " "
1510 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IF L=0 THEN "; PR$; ":GOSUB 30000"
1520 PRINT#1, "30000 FOR J=1 TO"; B
1530 PRINT#1, "30010 READ T: "; PR$; " TAB(T); H$(J); "
1540 PRINT#1, "30020 NEXT:RESTORE"
1550 PRINT#1, "30030 "; PR$; ":RETURN"
1560 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "FOR J=1 TO"; B
1570 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IF MID$(M$,J,1)=""Q$; "S"; Q$; "THEN READ
T: "; PR$; " TAB(T); C$(J); "
1580 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IF MID$(M$,J,1)=""Q$; "D"; Q$; "THEN READ
T: "; PR$; " TAB(T); C(J); "
1590 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "IF MID$(M$,J,1)=""Q$; "M"; Q$; "THEN READ
T: "; PR$; " TAB(T); C#(J); "
1600 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "NEXT: "; PR$; ":RESTORE"
1610 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "L=L+1:IF L>"; L; "THEN PG=PG+1:L=0"
1620 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1, LN; "NEXT"
1630 PRINT#1, KZ; "FIELD 1, (" ; RL; "*(CT-1)) AS DUS"; RL; " AS ZUS:GE
T 1,1+((I-1)/"NR$"); IF ZUS=STRING$(RL,"255) OR ZUS=STRING$(
RL,"250) THEN"; LN
1640 PRINT #1, KZ+1; "IF ZUS=STRING$(RL,"0) THEN 20000"
1650 PRINT#1, KZ+5; XF$
1660 PRINT#1, KZ-5; "CT=CT+1:IF CT=""NR$+1; "THEN CT=1"
1670 PRINT#1, KZ+7; "GET 1,1+((I-1)/"NR$
1680 CLS:PRINT"HAVE YOU SAVED ANY TOTALS YOU WANT PRINTED AT THE
END? (Y/N)"
1690 YN$=INKEY$:IF YN$="" THEN 1690 ELSE IF (YN$<>"Y" AND YN$<>"N") THE
N PRINT"Y OR N ONLY, PLEASE.":FOR I=1 TO 300:NEXT:GOTO 1680
1700 PRINT#1, "30040 REM*****THESE ARE THE TAB SETTINGS*****"
1710 PRINT#1, "29990 REM*****BEGIN PRINTING COLUMN HEADINGS*****"
1720 IF YN$="N" THEN PRINT#1, "20000 CLOSE:END":GOTO 1870
1730 PRINT"THEN YOU MUST TELL ME WHICH VARIABLES YOU WANT PRINTE
D IN WHICH"

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program's users will read the manual, and only about 10 percent of that 20 percent will read it thoroughly. The remaining 90 percent will get frustrated and either throw the program out (and ask for a refund), work through the problem somehow, or give up and read the manual. We gave refunds to about 5 percent of our buyers.

Unfortunately, writing a program that doesn't need a manual makes the program attractive to pirates. Pirates don't like to copy documentation: It's expensive to do it right.

Why I Gave Up on Tandy

You'll notice that I could have made several improvements to the Creator that would have increased its usability, not to mention its salability. I never got around to it because I stopped writing software for the TRS-80 almost two years ago, when my company dissolved and I sold my Model I in favor of the CP/M-based Altos 8000-2.

I do not wish to take a step backward and return to the Radio Shack market. Here are some reasons why.

I thought then that TRSDOS would never be a standard operating system, that the "big" manufacturers would surely and soon enter the microcomputer marketplace, and that CP/M would offer much more future potential. Further, the little TRS-80 was unhealthy from the first day I had it. Mean time to disk-drive failure was about five days; mean time to repair was two. The local dealer was helpful—he even lent me replacement drives—but the annoyance and downtime was aggravating.

The Model II was annoying, as well. The TRSDOS on that machine was as buggy as the TRSDOS on the little one, and the machine didn't like to run on hot days at all. I had CP/M for that machine, bought from Pickles and Trout, but I had no faith in the hardware. (By the way, Pickles and Trout's CP/M is good, and I recommend it.)

Even worse, the Model II TRSDOS kept being modified. The modifications were the sort that changed the disk format, space available, and other low-level things. They meant that the program written for one DOS release was incompatible and unreadable under another. After several such modifications, any user would have to go through several transfer programs to successfully upload a program. I felt that such DOS modifications were an indication that TRSDOS was going to be unusable.

The Model II TRSDOS also had some features I didn't like at all. A one-

6. Allow automatic overflow of records from drive to drive. I didn't want this modification at all. It would not be transportable. Another more important reason is that it would demand that you place each disk on a special drive and/or that the program detect how many drives/diskettes were in place. This would be nontransportable and an easy place for errors. To this day, I have no doubt whatsoever about the correctness of my decision here.

7. Since "everyone" was running (choose one or more: NEWDOS, NEWDOS80, LDOS, ULTRADOS), add enhancements for a version for that operating system. This turned out to be both an easy and a hard decision. I felt, then, that TRSDOS was terrible, but I wanted to stay transportable. I was only one man, and my associates wanted a version for the Apple (shudder) and the PET (two shudders) and other machines—even other languages. I didn't see how I could possibly support all those different versions, make enhancements, provide customer support, check ad copy, eat and sleep at one time. I was, after all, working about 14 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week. Nor could the company afford to hire any help for me.

8. Make the generated program faster. Actually, this was a continuing project. I have little doubt that the program would be even more streamlined today if I had continued with the TRS-80. Still, I feel I could have done little to the program to appreciably speed its operation beyond its present abilities. One thing now possible is the Microsoft compiler for TRSDOS programs. Both the Creator and the generated programs could be compiled; the only changes in the generated program, I believe, would be the replacement of the New command with an END, and inserting spaces where required.

9. Reduce the memory requirements in the generated program. This was a battle. I could have made the generated program smaller than it was, but at the cost of increased size in the Creator and decreased modularity and modifiability in the generated program. I struck a compromise I felt was fair.

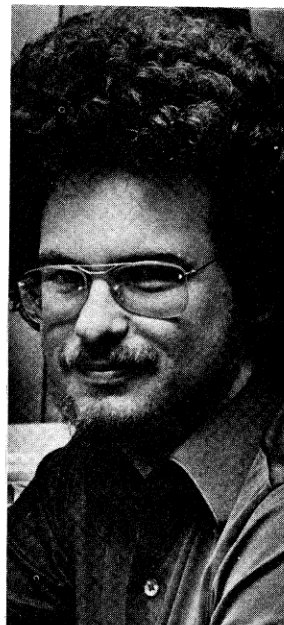
10. Allow more fields in the gener-

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1740 PRINT"COLUMNS. I WILL GIVE YOU TWO DUMMY VARIABLES CALLED"
1750 PRINT"T$ AND B$. T$ IS THE WORD TOTALS, AND B$ IS BLANKS."
1760 PRINT"IF YOU WANT TO PRINT THE WORD TOTALS IN ANY COLUMN, T
ELL ME TO"
1770 PRINT"PRINT T$; IF YOU WANT TO SKIP A COLUMN, TELL ME TO PR
INT B$."
1780 LN=20000:PRINT#1,LN;PR$
1790 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"T$=";Q$;"TOTALS";Q$;"B$=CHR$(32)"
1800 FOR I=1 TO B
1810 PRINT"VARIABLE TO PRINT IN COLUMN NUMBER";I;" ":"LINE INPUT
SX$
1820 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"READ T ":"PR$;" TAB(T) ":"SX$;" "
1830 NEXT
1840 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;CL$
1850 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CLOSE:END"
1860 PRINT#1,"19990 REM*****PRINTING TOTALS SECTION*****"
1870 CLOSE:END
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disk system required the operating system on all disks at all times, meaning I would have to ignore Tandy's copyright or sell every purchaser another copy of TRSDOS with each purchase of my software. Since every purchaser of a Model II got TRSDOS with his machine, this meant I had to sell him something he already had!

I called Tandy, leaving my name and phone number. I told them I intended to sell copies of the software with TRSDOS on the disk, and might require the purchasers to verify that they already had purchased TRSDOS; if this was illegal, please have someone at Tandy or Radio Shack contact me and tell me what I must do. I never heard from them. TRSDOS turned out to be unnecessary, after all. Anyway, I thought their approach was dumb and probably illegal.

The Model II had no PEEK and POKE commands. Factory software support was, I felt, miserable. On the other hand, the CP/M machine was never down. We even shipped it to the

NCC and back one year as baggage, and accidentally dropped it on the marble floor in Chicago's Northwestern station just before a demonstration. In fact, that machine went almost three years before anything at all went wrong with it (a bad transistor in the power supply), and downtime then was one day. I have had very good luck with my Altos 8000-2.

The CP/M Microsoft Basic 5.2 was better than the TRS-80 Basic, as well. Program chaining with saved variables, 40-character variable names, While... Wend loops, and a good compiler were available. The CP/M machine also had more disk space, and (at my actual incomplete count) 69 languages or versions of languages available. This meant a lot of flexibility. All this cost less than the Model II!

The CP/M operating system had no discernable bugs, ran fast, and was well supported. I was not tied to one company for languages and utilities. An assembler/editor came with the system. About 16 megabytes of public-domain

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ated program. This modification was, and is, fairly easy to make. You will note that the generated program contains an On...GOSUB construction. The present limitation of 22 to 24 fields is solely dependent on Basic's maximum line length. By weeding out spaces in the generated code, this could be increased to 47. By generating a GOSUB to a program section containing a number of consecutive On...GOTO lines, any number of fields can be accommodated. This is necessary, because an On...GOTO will fall through when an over or underflow occurs, whereas an On...GOSUB over- or underflow returns an

error. The CP/M version, for that reason, permits up to 500 fields, limited only by memory.

11. Make it easy to use the report program with sort programs. I never thought such use was difficult. The CP/M version will allow the specification of a sort index for a report at run-time, but the TRS-80 version can be so modified with a simple bit of code: to the generated report program, add one line opening an index file as a sequential input file, file number 2. This index file should contain the record numbers to read, in sorted order. Then alter the beginning of the record read loop from "GET 1,I" to "IF EOF(2) THEN 20000:ELSE INPUT #2,K:GET 1,K". That's it! ■

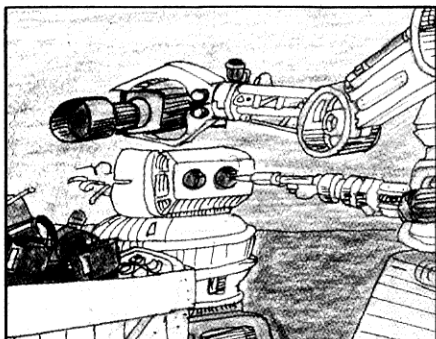
software was available, for about \$8 a disk. This software included languages (like Pilot, Stoic, Algol, and Basic-E), communications programs, applications software, games, and so on. I knew I'd have a long wait before I saw any of that stuff from Tandy.

The decision I made was easy, and I have yet to regret it. I said goodbye to the Model I (and the Model II) and kept the Altos.

The Ill-Fated Apple/PET Versions

After about a year of my associate's cajolery and threats, I succeeded in getting someone to help me do an Apple version. I needed help, since I didn't have any knowledge of the Apple. I even got one.

I hated the Apple, hated Apple's DOS, doubly hated Applesoft (not even an Else statement!), disliked the compromises necessary with the Apple version, and gave the machine to one of my associates at the first opportunity, about three months later. Even today, I



never want to see another Apple again. I will have to admit that the Apple never broke, though.

I never wrote a version for the PET. I got as far as reading the PET DOS manual, decided the machine was unsuitable for anything to do with business applications (especially my program), and told my associates NO. In fact, I told them I'd leave if they ever brought it up again.

What I really wanted to do was a CP/M version with the (then new) Microsoft Basic compiler and Microsoft Basic 5.2.

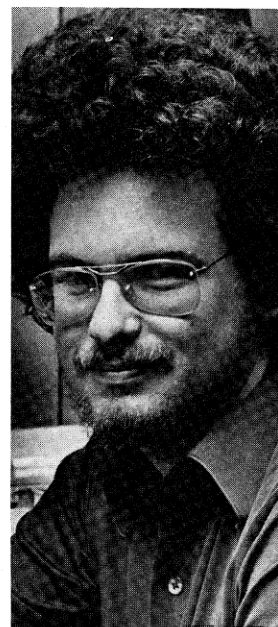
Have fun with the programs. Write me if you have questions about my experiences, comments about my decision, or just want to share some experiences. I will do my best to reply, but I have a family to support so please understand: I may be too busy. I will read your letters with interest, though. I may even read the ones I'll probably get from Tandy, Apple, and Commodore. ■

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Sketchy Documentation

Though this is not intended to be a complete set of instructions to all of the features of the Creator, the following should let you successfully run the program. The Creator and the Reportor (the report program generator) come as disk-based programs, called CREATOR/BAS and REPORTOR/BAS. The disk also includes two demonstration programs, which are not provided here for reasons of space.

The Creator and Reportor come on a nonbootable disk. For \$10, I cannot afford to provide a DOS or a loader. If you have a single-drive system and your DOS requires that the disk in drive 0 have an operating system, find a friend with a two-drive system and copy the Creator disk to a disk with a system on it.

How to Load The Programs

Enter Basic. The default number of files is all right. To run the Creator, just type RUN"CREATOR/BAS:x", where x is the drive number on which the Creator disk is loaded.

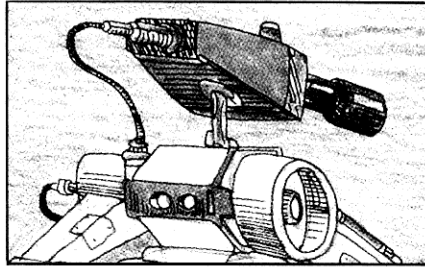
Questions Asked by the Creator

The questions asked, in order, are:

1. What's the name of the program being generated? Use up to eight alphabetic characters.
2. Which drive will contain the data file when the generated program is run? Enter a number, depending on the number of drives in your system.
3. Which drive do you want this program written on?
4. What is the maximum number of records desired in the file? Enter a number of reasonable value.
5. What is the record length?

Questions four and five generate a check to see if the file will fit on a standard Model I disk; you might want to modify the check in Creator if your DOS permits more file space on a single disk. The Creator will generate a program that will block and deblock records within a sector (but will not span sectors); you will need to modify the Creator and Reportor if your Basic allows the specification of different-size records. Record length may be anything up to 255 bytes.

6. What will be the title of your program? Enter up to 250 characters.



Please do not enter anything with quotation marks.

7. Do you want to use an exit code or message? This question will allow you to specify a character or group of characters that will allow you to exit data entry/update/retrieval and return to the menu. You'll never need to depress the break key to exit your program.

8. If seven is answered Y: What is your exit code or message? Do not use quotation marks.

9. Now comes a repetitive series of questions for each field you will be using. First you are asked for the field size: packed fields can be eight, four, or two bytes, and character or unpacked numeric fields can be from 1 to 255 bytes in length. You are then asked if the size you choose was correct. The Creator will tell you how many spaces you have left and proceed to the next field until no space remains in the record.

10. What field is the key field? Input the field number of the field by which data will be retrieved. This field must not be a packed field.

11. Now comes another series of repetitive questions. Each field is covered, in order.

You must first tell the Creator the operator prompt that will request input for each field. This prompt must not contain quotation marks, but can contain anything else.

You are then asked to tell the Creator what kind of data is being stored in each field. Your options are:

- PI (Packed integer: whole numbers from -32767 to 32767).
- PS (Packed single precision: floating-point numbers with six significant digits).
- PD (Packed double precision: 16-digit, floating-point numbers).
- C Character data.

- N Unpacked numeric data. Treated exactly as character data.

You will then be asked for edits and error messages. The edits you may choose will determine the kinds of acceptable responses the generated program will accept.

When requesting edits, the program will display the message:

BAD INPUT IF:

Here are the permissible edits:

- NOT NUMERIC (Operator input contains nonnumeric characters).
- NOT ALPHA (Operator input contains digits).
- CONTAINS"XX" (Forbidden character string contained in input).
- NO ENTRY (Operator attempts to skip a field input). Note: The key field must use this edit.
- LENGTH>xx (Supply a maximum length for entry to this field).
- LENGTH<xx (Supply a minimum length for an entry to this field).
- LENGTH = xx (Supply a forbidden length).
- LENGTH< = xx LENGTH> = xx LENGTH<>xx
- <"abc" (Supply a character string. If the operator inputs a string alphabetically less than the string you supplied, the input will be flagged as erroneous).
- >"abc" <="abc" >="abc" = "abc" < >"abc"
- <xx.yy (Supply a number. If the number input is less than the number you choose, the input will be flagged as erroneous).
- >xx.yy <= xx.yy >= xx.yy = xx.yy < >xx.yy

Compound edits are permitted; every edit past the first one must refer to the field as G\$(X), where X is the field number. Compound edits can be quite complex to implement; a little experimentation will serve to show you what techniques will work. For example:

>xx.yy OR VAL(G\$(4))<VAL(G\$(3))

is a compound edit that will not permit the entry of a number to field 4 that is either >xx.yy or less than the numeric value of field 3. You don't need to

choose any edit (except, as noted, for the key field). Further, you can use as many edits as you want. You will, for each edit, be asked for an error message. The message you choose will be displayed if the edit is violated. Error messages are not mandatory. If an error message is used, it cannot contain quotes.

12. When you're done entering prompts, edits, and error messages for each field, you'll be asked for field titles. When the record is retrieved and displayed, these titles will appear next to each field's data.

13. You will then be asked for a termination message. This message will be something of the form:

ARE YOU DONE ENTERING DATA (Y/N)

14. You will be asked for two permissible single-key depressions. In this case, the first one, applied if the operator is done, would be Y; the second, if the operator is not done entering data, would be N. When the generated program is being run, (in this case) a response of Y will return the operator to the menu and a response of N will continue with data entry.

When this last question has been completed, your program is done. You can load it or run it; it's ready to go. *Don't forget: you must initialize your data file before entering any data!* The initialization option will appear in the menu of your generated program. The load may take a little while. Your program will be saved on the disk you indicated earlier as a text (ASCII) file, and the lines are out of order. If you want to arrange for speedier program loads in the future, just load and resave your program in the normal way. Future loads will be quite rapid.

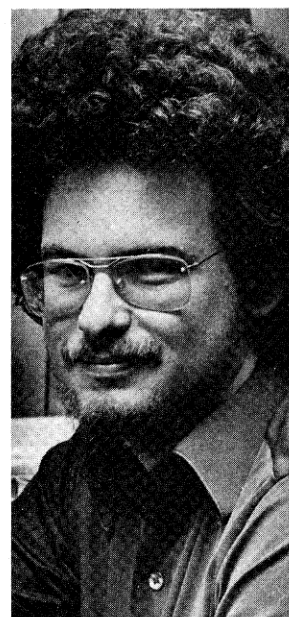
Updating Your Records

You can update records in any of several ways. You can update a field by choosing the update option in your generated program's menu, and then entering the record's key and the field number to update. You can then directly enter the updated value for the relevant field. If the field is a packed field, you can update the field computationally. This is done by entering a numeric value followed by the operator you choose. Permissible operators are +, -, MORE, and LESS.

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The Snappware College Educated Garbage Collector (SNAPP-VI) is an intelligent processing function which greatly improves performance of typical BASIC applications. And here's why.

Microsoft uses a 'variable length string' in the BASIC interpreter. Each time the string is assigned a new value, it is relocated in a string pool. Periodically the string pool must be reorganized and condensed into a single contiguous area. Performing this string space reclamation is time consuming and inefficient because this approach evaluates and collects each string individually. The time required is roughly proportional to the square of the number of active strings in the resident program. During reclamation the system seems to 'lock-up' and does not respond to the operator until the process is completed.

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For example, updating a field containing the value 34.56 by entering 1.23 + will produce an updated field value of 35.78. This is especially handy for inventory, accounts-receivable, and accounts-payable applications. When your record has been updated, you can choose to update one or more additional fields, or you can choose to return to the menu. You can update the key field, if you wish.

The Reportor

Suppose you've generated your data file. The next thing you might want to do is print a list of the information contained in the file. You might want to perform computations, obtain totals, or skip certain records. The Reportor will let you do it.

You can generate your report so that the report is printed to the screen, or so that the information is sent to your printer. The CP/M version will let you choose either or both options at the time the report program is being run.

You can load and run the Reportor by entering Basic and entering the command: `RUN"REPORTOR/BAS:x"`, where x is the drive number on which the Reportor can be found.

Here are the questions asked by the Reportor:

1. Do you want to write a new program, run a program, or exit? Choose the appropriate option.

2. What is the name of the proposed program? Up to eight uppercase letters can be used. Do not choose a name identical to the name of another program on the same disk, or the old program will be overwritten.

3. What will be the title of the report? This is the title that will be printed on the top of each page of the report. Do not include quotation marks, please.

4. Do you want the report printed on the screen or the printer?

5. What is the name of the data file to read? Please include the full file name, including the password (if any). If you make a mistake here, you can correct the generated program in line 40, later.

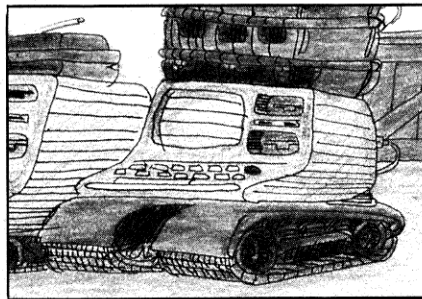
6. What is the record length of each record in the data file? Answer this as you did when running the Creator.

7. Now follows a series of repetitive questions asking about the field

lengths for each field in the data file. You need not answer with the same numbers as earlier; however, the total of the field lengths must be the same as the record length.

8. Now you are asked to enter the column headings for each of the columns you'll be using in your report. You can have more columns than fields, since one or more columns can be derived or computed. You can also have fewer columns than fields. Your column headings can include spaces, but should not include quotation marks.

9. What are the tab settings for each column of the proposed report? Enter numbers from 1-255. You can get some pretty fancy printing results by requesting that one column's tab be less than or equal to a previous col-



umn; Basic will print that column at the correct tab position, but one line down. Ordinarily, I use this approach when printing mailing labels. You can also use tab settings greater than the width of the paper to achieve similar results.

10. Here, the Reportor will want to know if you want the pages numbered, and the number of lines per page. You can have as many lines per page as you want. For mailing labels, I suppress the printing of the headings and title (after the first time) by telling the Reportor that I don't want the pages numbered, and I want 1,000,000 lines per page. This should be sufficient: 1,000,000 lines, at 300 lines per minute, takes 3,333.33 minutes (about 3.5 weeks). If not, tell the Reportor you want 10,000,000 lines per page. You either have an extremely fast printer or an awful lot of patience.

11. Now you will see a screen full of information, telling you about the ways you can manipulate the data.

You'll need to remember only a few things:

● **COLUMN(K)** is the Kth column of

your report.

● **FIELD(K)** is the Kth field of your record.

● Any packed fields are automatically unpacked.

● If any field or column is either double precision or a character string, you must explicitly state that fact. For example, **COLUMN\$(K)** is the Kth report column, and it contains character data. **COLUMN#(K)** is the Kth report column, and it contains double precision data. **FIELD\$(K)** is the Kth field of the record, and that field contains string data.

12. You are then asked to state the data type for each field, just as with the Creator. The permissible data types are C, N, PI, PS, and PD. C and N are treated identically.

13. Using the information from (11), you then state what you want printed in each column. You can state your requirements in any order you like. Any operation permitted in Basic is allowed. (If you have unpacked numeric data, be sure to convert the data to numbers using the VAL function before using that data in calculations.)

Here are some examples of permissible operations, so you get the idea:

```
COLUMN(4)=FIELD(5)
COLUMN(5)=VAL(FIELD$(7))/FIELD#(6)
COLUMN#(9)=(FIELD(4)-FIELD(2))/
INT(COLUMN(5))
IF COLUMN(3)=0 THEN SKIP
COLUMN$(1)="THIS IS THE NAME"
+FIELD$(4)
IF COLUMN(7)>1000 THEN COLUMN$(10)
="INVALID BALANCE"
IF COLUMN(6)<>0 THEN COLUMN(9)=
COLUMN(4)/COLUMN(6) ELSE COL-
UMN(9)=0
COLUMN(3)=FIELD(1)*FIELD(1)+
FIELD(2)*FIELD(2)-2*FIELD(1)*FIELD(2)
COLUMN$(7)=MID$(STR$(FIELD(6)
+ COLUMN(3)),2)
```

14. If you need to use totals or intermediate results, use any variable beginning with the letter V. For example:

```
VX=VX+FIELD(7) VX=VX+1 VX=VX
+VY+SQR(VZ)
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15. You can signal completion of this define-columns stage by entering the command 999 instead of defining a column.

16. You will then be asked if you have any totals you wish printed at the end of your report. If you do,

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then you will be asked for the variable to print. You can print any temporary variable you have defined, or you can print T\$ (which prints the word 'TOTALS') or B\$(which prints a blank). You can also print character strings or computations such as V1/(V2+V3), if you wish. You can print additional information after the last report column by telling the Reportor to print the added items followed by commas. For example, suppose column nine is the last report column, and you want to print V9 there. You could print some more information by telling the Reportor to print V9, V8, "HELLO THERE "; V7\$, "REPORT ENDS" in column number nine. When you are done with this section or, if totals were not desired, you have completed question 15, your report program has been written. You can run it immediately, or you may wish to load and resave it so that subsequent loads occur more rapidly.

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I'm sorry to tell you that I cannot support or enhance these programs in any way. If there is sufficient demand, and reason to believe it might be worth my while, I might be convinced to change my mind. I think

this is unlikely.

What You Can and Cannot Do

Given a 48K machine, you might wish to add some of the enhancements I mentioned. However, if you do, do not assume you can sell the enhanced version without my permission. You can make any enhancements you wish for your own use, however. I hereby publicly place my hashing algorithm and file-access methods unconditionally in the public domain. You can use them, incorporate them in your future programs, sell them, or do whatever you like with them.

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All disks for the Model I or III will be standard single-density minifloppies. All disks for the Model II (if there are any requests for that version) will be 8-inch. I don't know what format TRSDOS is using now, so I'll probably need to find out. It would help if you would tell me which version of TRSDOS you are running: If there are any difficulties in transferring from my 2-year-old copy to the present one, I may just have to return your money. If that happens, you can blame the whole thing on Tandy.

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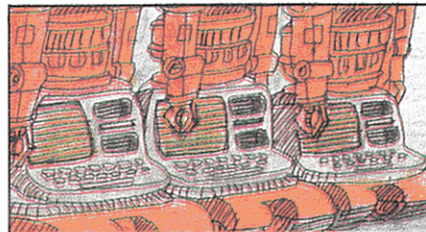
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MII and CP/M Versions

For those users running the Model II, a similar version of the Creator and Reportor is available. Since I no longer have a Model II, nor do I know anyone who might be willing to make copies, I will have to check around to see where I might make some copies.

The Model II version, for those patient enough to wait for it, has increased capabilities. Computational update allows * and /, the maximum number of fields is 47, computed data can be displayed with the record, a number of additional utility programs are provided, etc. The Model II version can be purchased for \$20, plus mailing. It is also being placed in the public domain, for anyone's noncommercial use.

There was an Apple version of the Creator. It was sold, about a year ago,



and I have no more interest in it. For those with Apples, you can try to modify the TRS-80 code shown. Good luck; you'll need it!

The present version of the Creator for CP/M and Microsoft Basic 5.2, has been sold under a variety of names. To my knowledge, there are 12 program generators for Microsoft Basic for micros on the market today. Four out of these 12 were my work. The selling price has been as high as

\$795. I am, herewith, reducing the price to \$99 for the Creator (now called Progen), and the Reportor (now called Reppen) to readers of this article. Complete documentation will be provided with full support.

Frankly, I don't think that you'll need any support. The CP/M version has more capabilities than any other program generator being sold. To give you an idea of the expansion, let me note that the code published with this article takes about 30K. The CP/M version includes some 240K of code.

So, if you have CP/M, write me. I will send a brochure detailing the capabilities of the CP/M version and listing some of the other software I have for sale. (Plug, plug). Complete source code for this version is for sale, as well. ■

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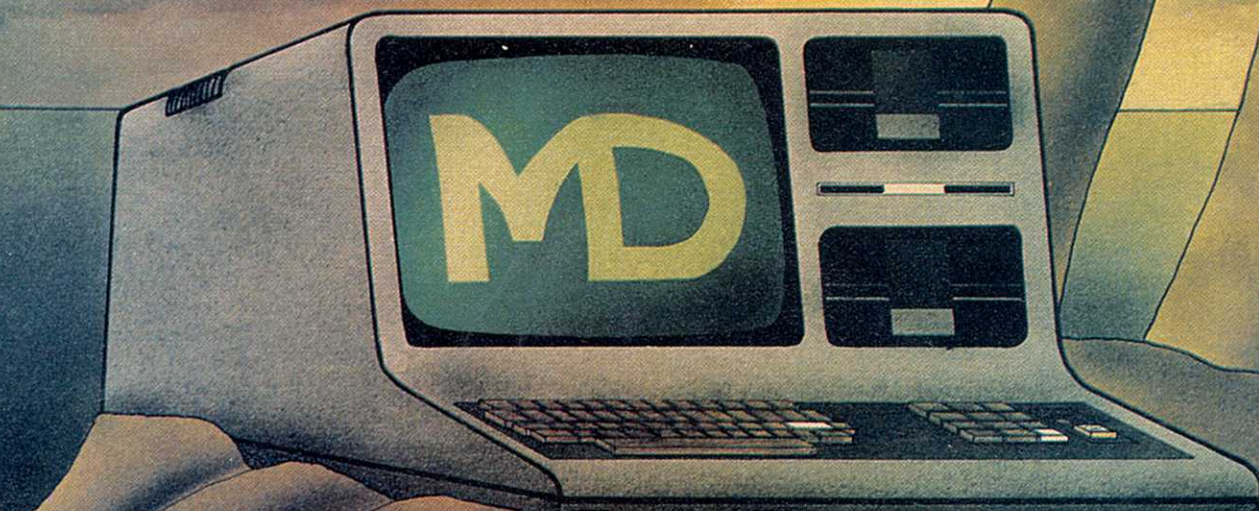
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Forthwrite

by Wynne Keller

The second generation of word processors is upon us. One newcomer, Forthwrite, deserves to be ranked with the best of them.

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Several new word processors have been introduced in the past year. Many reviewers use the term "second generation" to describe these programs. The first generation included the original Electric Pencil and Scripsit. The second generation has arrived with far greater capabilities than the first. Forthwrite is in this new generation, which also includes Lazy Writer, SuperScripsit, and Newscript. All cost over \$100 and are intended for the serious writer or business user.

Forthwrite is written in the Forth language and requires the MMSForth disk system to operate (\$130 for the TRS-80, \$250 for the IBM PC). Forth is a sophisticated, highly flexible language known for its speed. MMSForth has been on the market for several years and is a respected implementation of Forth. Forthwrite is available for the TRS-80 Model I and III and the IBM.

Editing Module

On the assumption that many Forthwrite users are former Scripsit users, some Scripsit commands have been retained, so learning Forthwrite is easy. The same letter abbreviations are used to set margins, turn justify on and off, center the text, and so on. These are entered in a command line within the text, and unlike Scripsit, can be in lowercase.

The editing commands are more logical than Scripsit's, and they are easy to remember. In the TRS-80 version, the clear key is the control key, and all commands function by pressing control and one or two other keys. For example, control I toggles in and out of the insert mode, control D is for delete, and control P for paragraph. Many commands offer additional choices; the delete command, for instance, deletes one letter when first pressed with the option of further deletion of blanks, words, sentences, paragraphs, blocks, or pages, or to the end of text. These additional choices are displayed on the bottom line of the screen, so you don't have to remember all the keys, just the control D.

Those who already own MMSForth will recognize many Forthwrite commands from the Forth editor. Arrow keys provide complete cursor control

and can be supplemented with commands for special cursor moves. Nine help screens can be accessed for assistance.

You can reset a number of editing features, such as the cursor's blink rate and speed of movement, the number of type-ahead characters (which allow commands or text to be typed while the computer is busy with other tasks), and the number of lines to be jumped with the shift up and down arrows. Forthwrite provides a screen of dots on which to type; it can be up to 255 characters wide. This helps you visualize layouts. If you don't like the dots, you can substitute another character.

Text blocks in Forthwrite are marked as in Scripsit, but there are many added features. For example, headers and footers can run more than one line. Forthwrite also has many convenient block features; it can get a block rather than just copy it (with Get, you don't need to delete the block from the former position when you are done). You can also save a block to disk, move it to another document, or include it in another document at printout time. The ability to include blocks allows considerable flexibility. You can create a file that calls in other blocks or other documents so material can be reused in multiple documents. Several sample files on the Forthwrite disk illustrate this process.

Column features are very sophisticated. Forthwrite has two types of tabs: visual tabs and printer's ems (measured in tenths of an inch). Visual tabs are displayed on a bar at the bottom of the

screen, as in Scripsit. A printer's ems tab appears at printout time, but its position isn't shown on the screen while you're typing. Either system is easy to use, but the ems are more flexible and give true proportional appearance on the letter-quality Spinwriter-type printers and the new class of under-\$700 dot-matrix proportional printers.

Forthwrite's left-margin and paragraph-indent features produce professional-looking documents. By adjusting these settings, single-word left columns can have an adjacent right column of several lines, indented automatically; you don't have to be concerned about where each line in the second column will end. In many word processors, this type of layout requires resetting the left margin frequently. With Forthwrite, you only adjust the setting once, before starting the columns.

The directory is alphabetized for easy, sequential loading of documents with shift, control, and down arrow and for automatic printing of a range of documents. The directory is always available and file names can be capitalized, lowercased, or a mixture. When asking for your file, you do not have to match the uppercase/lowercase display of the directory file name. Type the letters in any form, and they are adjusted to match the directory configuration. If you forget to save the file before leaving the program, a reminder appears on the screen.

Complete find, replace, and wipeout functions are available. These are indifferent to uppercase/lowercase mismatches and have a wildcard capability so you can ignore nonmatching characters or control codes associated with the search word. The replace function can distinguish whether it is replacing a capitalized letter or a lowercase letter, so it can globally replace a single word, capitalizing the first letter if the word begins a sentence. Find, replace, and wipeout can be done on a global basis, with or without a verification before each change.

Hyphenation is often unnecessary with right-justified proportional print, because words are evenly spaced on the line. However, long words may need hyphenation. Forthwrite provides a soft hyphen that is placed while typing with control J. During the printout, if the word falls on the right margin, it is hyphenated. If the word occurs within the line, the hyphen does not appear. A hard hyphen, which is always printed, is also available.

One advantage of the soft hyphen is that rehyphenation isn't needed if you

change the document's margins. In Forthwrite, you can't see which words fall on the right margin until a printout is made, because paragraph indents do not occur on the screen, and true proportional print cannot be duplicated with the computer character set. So, you should either hyphenate long words with soft hyphens as you type or obtain a printout and choose those lines that you want hyphenated. Typical proportional print documents require about two hyphens per page.

While editing a document, you might receive the error message "This command illegal when in the white space." Forthwrite calls all the areas of the screen where typing has not occurred white space, since the background characters are white dots. As you type, each letter replaces a dot. However, if you decide to use the down arrow to drop the cursor onto the white dots and add a word to the end of a previous line, the cursor must occupy the space adjacent to the last letter. If the cursor is on a white dot, you can't type until it is moved or the text line is opened with control O. This is disconcerting at first, but it's not difficult once you are accustomed to it.

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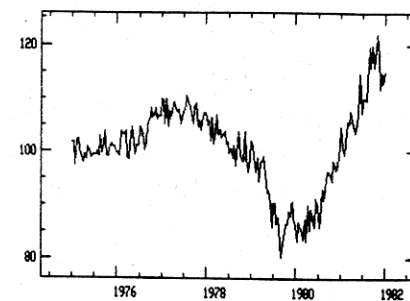
the line number of the cursor. This is a handicap when trying to decide if a letter, for example, would fit on a single page. Cursor line numbering becomes meaningless if a document uses included blocks, but it would be useful for simple documents. Information on the number of characters in a document is provided, as well as the amount of memory available.

Printouts

Forthwrite has several printout modes. While typing and editing a document, a screenprint is always available. This duplicates the screen and does not format the document.

Quickprint is a formatted printout of the document, and it is slightly faster than a regular printout because menu choices are not required. It retains the document in memory while the printer program overwrites the editor program. After a Quickprint, the document is still available in memory.

A third printing method is a technical copy of the document as it appears on the disk. This method does not format the document. It includes all printing and formatting commands and is especially useful when learning to use Forthwrite.



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Another interesting option is to "print" the file on disk rather than paper. In this mode, the file is formatted as it would appear on paper, and it can be scanned for proper appearance. The idea is to save paper, noise, time, and to permit proofing even when no printer is available. I encountered two problems. One is that a document that fits in memory as a document might not fit when formatted. You might have to artificially break up the document to use this option. The other problem is that this feature cannot work if you use proportional type, since these characters can't be accurately displayed on the screen. However, if the document is to be printed in standard pitch, the feature displays margins and page breaks as they will appear on paper.

The fifth and most-used choice is a formatted printout of the document. This has a number of options. First, you should select a printer driver. Special drivers are available for the NEC Spinwriter, Epson MX-80, Daisy Wheel II, NEC 8023, and the C. Itoh Prowriter, in addition to a standard serial and parallel driver that works with any printer but does not provide special features. Other options include multiple-copy printing, the page number to begin printing, and the page number for headers and footers to start printing. You can change the print buffer size, the baud rate (for serial printers), and the number of characters per interrupt, or you can request pauses for inserting text from the keyboard or changing print wheels. Not all these options are

available from the printer program; some are part of a customization routine, and many are commands within the document.

One of the nice features of the system is its ability to embed special commands that only affect the printout if the proper printer is available. Otherwise, the program ignores the commands and prints the text normally. Special items such as condensed print, wide print, red-ribbon mode, emphasized mode, subscript, superscript, legal strike out, and underlining are all supported if your printer can do them and you have a printer driver. Because Forthwrite source code is provided you can adjust the existing printer-driver code tables for other printers.

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Special Features

Forthwrite can read MMSForth's Datahandler data-base program files, and you can include their fields as text blocks in documents. Format features include right-justification within a field and dollars and cents decimal point alignment, with dollar sign and commas. Names entered into the Datahandler in last-name-first, first-name-last order can be reversed for Forthwrite printouts.

You can dictate a document and then use the Xscribe function to trigger the cassette port to turn the tape recorder on and off while typing. This is not as elegant as foot-activated transcription machines, but it is useful and is a nice "extra."

I have had MMSForth for more than

a year, and it is totally incompatible with most other Model I and III programs, since it is not just a different DOS but a different language. Yet, since it is a fine system and is pleasant to use, I am tempted to say it is not out of step with the world, the world is out of step with it.

Gradually, many specialized application programs are becoming available for the MMSForth system, and these programs are made to be compatible with each other wherever the compatibility would be useful, as it is between the Datahandler and Forthwrite. The problem is that this is a slow process, and some needed programs are not available.

The obvious omission here is a spelling checker. Spelling programs are becoming popular, but with Forthwrite, you can't use any spelling checker currently on the market.

Forthwrite provides a transfer module to take any standard TRSDOS (or IBM PC) file and move it to Forthwrite. This is intended for moving files from your old word processor to the new one. A program is under development to effect a transfer in the other direction—onto a DOS; when it becomes available, the compatibility problem will be solved. Using a foreign DOS

spelling checker will still cause some problems, but it can be used.

Curiously, Forthwrite provides extraordinary compatibility between the Models I, III, and the IBM Personal Computer. If you own all versions of the program, you can freely exchange files, on the same disk, among all three computers. By using Forthwrite, a modem, and the Forthcom communications program, you can send a perfectly formatted letter at 1,200 baud to any of the three machines. You can also send Forthwrite files to any brand of computer with Forthcom. However, they have to be edited, after they are received, to make them compatible with the format commands used by the receiving computer. If you want to do word processing on your microcomputer at home and transmit the results to a mini or mainframe computer at work, you should enjoy this feature.

The Forthwrite program provides sophisticated printer control, fast operation, powerful include functions, Datahandler compatibility, on-screen help, modular source code that can be altered by the end user, and much more. It can rightfully take its place among the top-quality word processors for the TRS-80 and the IBM PC. ■

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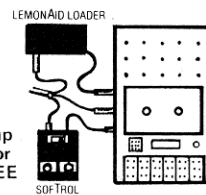
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You can share the code with your local user group, publish it in *80 Micro*, or, as many amateur programmers are doing, try to sell it commercially.

The market for software is booming. As the personal computer permeates everyday life, the market is wide open for innovative and well-written software.

Your First Decision

So you've decided to sell your software. Do you want to market your software directly or work with an established software company?

If you decide to market your software directly, you probably will advertise in magazines and newsletters, purchase mailing lists from direct-mail brokers, mail flyers, and even visit user groups. Don't underestimate the time and money you must spend—typical headaches include increasing postage costs, poorly targeted mailing lists, and documentation that's never quite complete.

The advantage to handling all sales and marketing yourself is that you keep every penny sales earn.

There are also distinct advantages to working with a commercial publisher. First, they have established technical support and marketing systems. Next, they have the people and the skills to adapt your program to new systems (other than the one the software was developed on) so that the entire market can be tapped. Finally, they are virtually impossible to compete with financially. They have salespeople, lots of money for advertising, and a network of retailers already in place.

Let's assume you decide to sell your work through a software house. How do you go about that?

Choosing a Publisher

Finish your program; be sure that it operates without problems, and fully document its operation. (If your program is accepted by a publisher, be prepared for some final editing. What you think is the best way of saying something might indeed be best for you, but

not for the thousands of potential users.)

What are publishers looking for? In general, the things you want from your own software. It should be user friendly, able to handle errors, show good programming practice, and be unique. Few publishers are looking for another program that can balance your checkbook.

Review the advertisements in popular magazines and see what kinds of software different companies publish, and which company's advertisements appeal to you. Some companies deal only with business software, while others may focus almost entirely on arcade games. You want to target your efforts where they will produce the highest likelihood of success.

Remember also that not all software firms deal with outside authors. Many commercial publishers conduct all writing and documentation using their own staff and are not interested in purchasing out-of-house materials.

After you have found a company that looks right, give them a call and ask to speak to someone in acquisitions, new submissions, or marketing. Depending upon the company, different departments handle such calls, so be patient in your search to locate the right person. Tell what you have done, and see if they are interested in learning more. Many firms use a submissions packet consisting of all the materials you need to submit your work for consideration. Others might simply want a listing of the program. Under no circumstances

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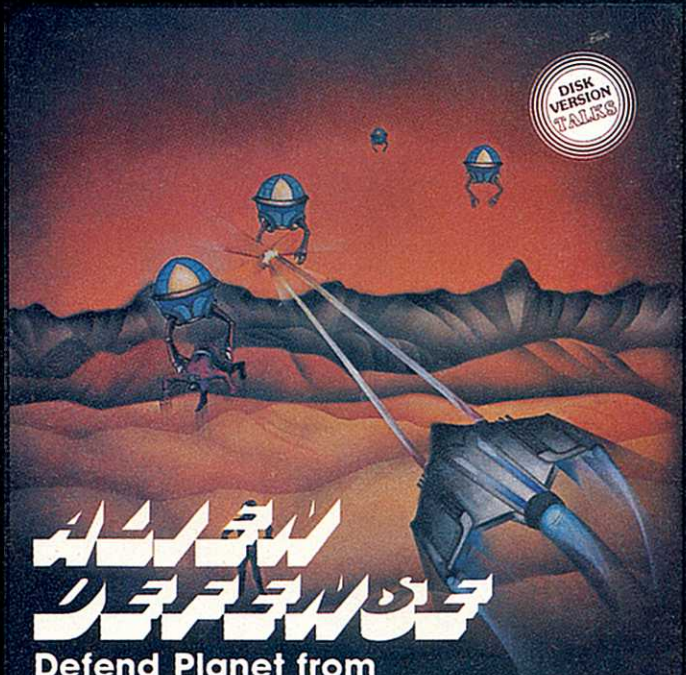
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Finally, although it's a good idea to send inquiries to more than one company at the same time, be careful not to send off the actual materials to too many publishers at once. Go first with the one you feel can best serve your needs, and then work your way down if your program is not accepted.

Protecting Yourself

Sometimes people *do* make the mistake of sending their programs to a company without first making in-

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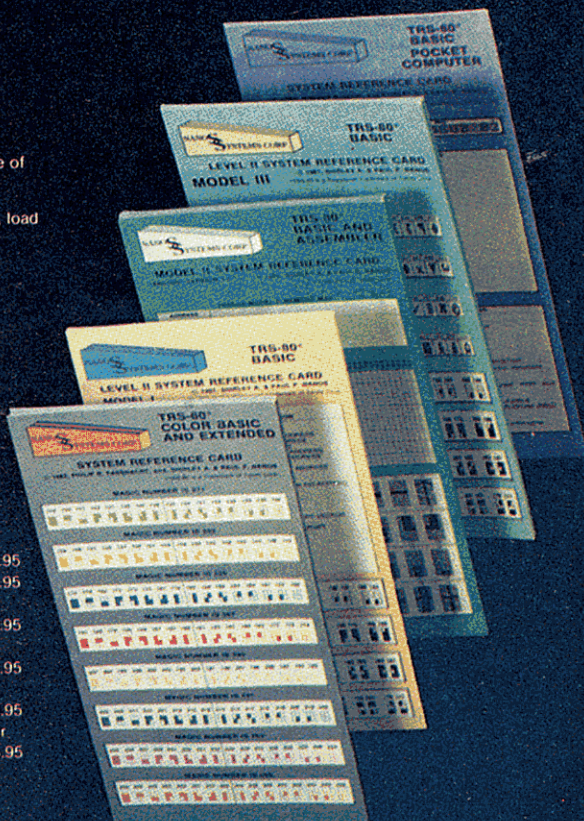
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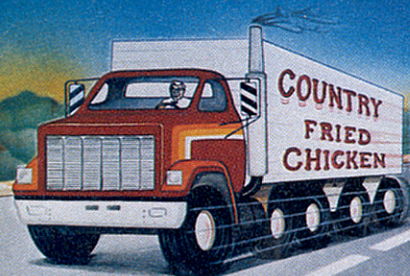
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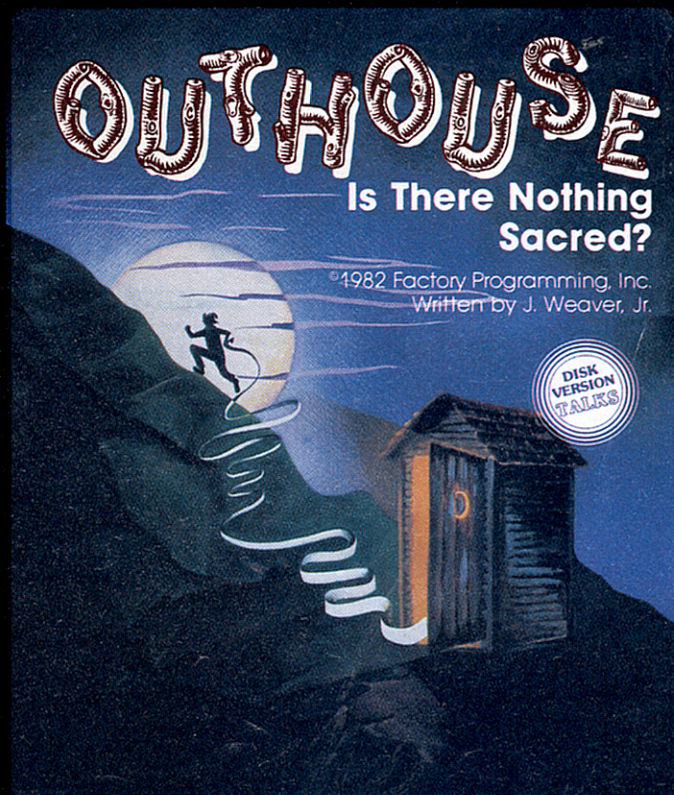
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A publisher should provide good design and coding assistance, documentation (if yours is not perfect, which it rarely is), telephone support for users (especially if the program is very complex), on-going maintenance (enhancement and revisions for different operating systems), sales and marketing systems already in force (not just advertising), and finally, a royalty rate that you find acceptable.

Royalties are always a sticky situation and vary widely from publisher to publisher. In general, publishers pay around 30 percent of their net sales. What this means is that they might subtract production costs (disks, printing and binding costs for the documentation, and so on) from the sales cost. In numbers, the net cost is 80-85 percent of the retail costs, and this figure is what your royalty would be based on. For example, if the retail price of the program is \$20, the net (85 percent of \$20) is \$17, and your 30-percent royalty is \$5.10.

The dealer, of course, also gets a discount of around 40 percent. In the end, the publishing company itself has perhaps 20-25 percent as their profit. You

can see they need to sell a good number of any software package to recoup design and production costs.

The larger the predicted sales are, the more likely it is that your royalty will be higher. In the same sense, the more the publisher has to invest in bringing your software on line, the less your royalty will be.

Finally, programmers who have an established reputation can demand a higher royalty. I have not heard of any software designer getting an advance for his or her work (much like the book publishing industry does on a regular basis), but I certainly wouldn't be surprised if this is a common practice in the future.

What the Publisher Does with Your Software

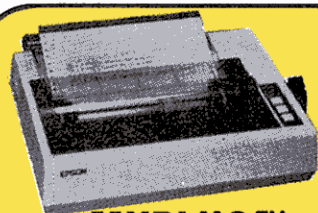
When you send your materials to the publisher, and after the nondisclosure form is signed, the company will begin evaluation. This can be done in several ways. One way is to have their own staff do the evaluation. Some companies, however, send it to outside evaluators who test the program on their own machines and can get a feel for the everyday value of your idea.

This evaluation process can take up to three months in some cases, and only a few weeks in others. It depends upon the backlog of programs to be reviewed and the publisher's procedure for reviewing. Don't call the publisher every few days asking if a decision has been made yet. They want the evaluations back as quickly as you do, so you will both have to wait.

Virtually all software that comes to a commercial firm needs some additional work, and the amount of time that it will take to get the bugs out, rewrite the existing documentation, and produce the final version are all factors that enter into the publisher's final decision whether to offer you a contract.

Although it might seem to you that the market is saturated (because most computer magazines are full of advertisements), this is simply not the case. The potential for sales of new programs with new uses, or even new programs that do a better job than others, is expanding every day. Get to work writing and stick with it until you're successful! ■

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LARGE LIST SUPPORT - The multi-drive operation allows the user to access data files on ALL configured drives CONCURRENTLY (at the SAME time) for truly large mailing lists. Files need not be sectioned into smaller "byte size" chunks to fit into memory.

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MENU OPERATION - As you would in a restaurant, choose your dinner from a list (or MENU). POSTMAN will allow you to direct its actions by selecting from various menus that it will display. A complete discussion of each menu is presented in the manual.

INSERT - New names can be quickly added to your list at any time. The new addresses are placed into the file in their proper sorted order eliminating the need for a separate sort operation after entering a stack of new names. POSTMAN will allow the operator to enter a "batch" of labels without returning to the control menu between each label insertion, thus speeding entry and reducing the aggravation of extra menu control keystrokes.

DELETE - Names can be removed at any time when they are no longer needed.

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OVERLAY - When identical changes are needed on many addresses, the OVERLAY feature can make them with one keystroke. The needed changes which are common to many labels are entered into the "overlay mask". When you wish to apply these common changes to any label, one command will do it.

SORT - Arrange your list in any alphabetic or numeric order. The ordering may use one or more fields to control the sort. A machine language heap sort assures fast execution. The sort need only be performed once, the sorted list will stay sorted through all subsequent insertions, deletions, and changes to existing labels. NO NEED to leave the POSTMAN program to use a separate program to sort your data. Your data is sorted quickly and after sort completion, POSTMAN is ready for your next command!

SPECIAL STREET ADDRESS SORT - For the user with many addresses on the same street, POSTMAN will sort your entries by the house NUMBER after grouping those on the same street together. Local city lists can be quickly sorted to aid post office dispatching.

PURGE - Unwanted duplicate addresses can be removed from your list automatically or under operator control.

SEARCH - Any address in your list can be quickly found with fast search and positioning commands. Three different types of searches are provided. A "fast" search which uses a hashing technique, a "selective sequential" search for labels with common fields, and "quick" positioning using the first or major sort field to get you into the general "ball park" of a label or sequence of labels.

LABEL PRINTING - One, a few or all addresses in your list can be printed on standard or non-standard label stock. Up to 6 labels across can be printed with a format YOU can easily control. TWO user definable "ATTN" lines are provided for any use. Labels can be printed from many of POSTMAN's menus, search, edit, or during label insertion.

EFFICIENCY - POSTMAN is written in the machine's native language to gain the full advantage of the microcomputer's speed. Extensive use of program segmentation reduces the amount of use RAM needed to hold the program, allowing a greater number of labels to be kept in core, resulting in faster operation. Little used routines need only be brought into memory when they are needed and once through with their task, release their space back to POSTMAN.

REPORT LISTINGS - A special program to produce columnar listings of address data from your label data base is provided. You can easily specify the information to be printed.

DATA DISK MERGING - Labels can be quickly transferred from one disk to another with the PSTMERGE program callable from the main POSTMAN SYSTEM menu. Source and destination drives need not be separate drives, prompts to exchange diskettes if the same drive is used, are provided.

DATA DISK PREPARATION UTILITY - Provided with POSTMAN is the DPREP program which allows the user to prepare a floppy/hard disk for use with POSTMAN. This easy to use utility can be told to prepare any portion of the available space on a disk.

DATA INTEGRITY - All data transfers to the disk files are made using special write commands which instructs the operating system to check the validity of EACH write to the disk.

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Description of Label Record Fields:

Length	Name	Description
10	Code	User defined printable field
15	Last Name	Last name of addressee
15	First Name	First name of addressee
26	Company	Name of company
26	Address	Street address

Length	Name	Description
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Beyond-Basic is available in three configurations: short, medium, and long, for cassettes or disks. Each of the larger versions contains all the commands, operators, and functions of the next smaller version. The smaller versions are included in packages two and three so you can use them when you need the extra memory they free, and don't need all the power of the larger versions for the particular program you're writing.

Beyond-Basic's manual is thick, over 200 pages. The same manual is used for all three versions and is divided into three sections. The introduction claims that this is done so you can upgrade from one version to another without needing another manual. I suspect that Excalibur is using only one manual as a subtle form of advertising: Once you see the features you didn't get, you'll want to buy the next version.

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There are certain features common to all three versions, cassette and disk. I'll cover these first.

Beyond-Basic uses its own keyboard driver to supply lowercase support for Model Is with the uppercase/lowercase modification. It also gives you control over the character used as the cursor and if it blinks. Repeating keys, the time delay before repeat takes effect, and the speed of the repeat are also under your control.

Pressing the shift and right-arrow keys tabs the cursor over eight columns, as in standard Basic, but pressing the left-arrow key jumps the cursor back over all the spaces in the tab. Pressing the shift and up-arrow keys has been modified to let you input any ASCII code from 1-255. After pressing this key, the keyboard waits for you to type up to three decimal numbers that represent the ASCII character code you want. Numbers greater than 128 are stored and displayed in the line as graphics characters, numbers less than 32 are stored as the graphics character formed by adding 128 to the number.

If, while typing in a line, you discover a mistake made earlier, press the shift and right-arrow keys and the line is transferred to Beyond-Basic's XED mode, where you can use the editing commands to correct the line before typing further.

Another useful feature covers the immediate keys. These are keys that you can type as the first character of a command line and have them treated as full commands; i.e., pressing the period key followed by the enter key lists the current program line. Other immediate keys are: the up-arrow key lists the previous line; the down-arrow key lists the next program line; shift and up-arrow lists the first line of the program; shift and down-arrow lists the last line of the program; comma puts you into standard edit mode for the current line; shift and comma puts you in Beyond-Basic's Extended Editor (XED); semicolon runs the current program; slash continues program execution after a break; colon resumes auto line numbering starting at the current line number plus the last increment; and the @ sign lists the statement about to be executed if the program has been stopped by an error or by the break key.

All the Beyond-Basic versions also support shorthand notation for certain commands:

A AUTO
D DELETE
E EDIT
G GOTO
L LIST
L LOAD (if followed by quotes)
R RUN
S SAVE

The medium version also includes F (Find) and X (XED for extended editor) as shorthand, while the disk versions accept K (Kill) and N (Name).

For those fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to remember Level I Basic, the abbreviations of Basic commands (P.A. for PRINT@) allowed were real time

savers. Well, Beyond-Basic lets you abbreviate commands by their first letter followed by a period.

There's no memory advantage to using these abbreviations, but they do make it much easier when typing in program lines.

For those of us interested in program readability and structured programming, Beyond-Basic automatically indents For...Next loops by indenting two spaces per nesting level after the line number for each line affected. This indentation technique is also used with the Beyond-Basic commands WHILE...WEND and LIF...ENDIF. Lines beginning with the Basic command REM are also indented.

Other improvements include accepting hexadecimal and octal numbers in input, data, and VAL statements; accepting numbers between -32768 and +65535 as integers; letting you put quotes in strings without having to use CHR\$(34); fixing the Tab function to operate properly with LPRINT (LPRINTTAB(130) puts the print head at column position 130 instead of column 64 as with standard Basic); and instead of putting you in edit mode when a syntax error is discovered, you're left in command mode of Basic, preserving your program's variables and values.

Features Taken From Standard Disk Basic

Many features of standard Disk Basic have been duplicated by Beyond-Basic, most of which are available in all versions. These are: CMD"R" and CMD"T" (turning internal clock on and off for Model I disk, turning clock display on and off for Model III disk); DEF USRn and USRn (10 USR functions); INSTR (search a string for a substring); LSET and RSET (left and right-justification of strings, disk only); DEFFN and FN (define user functions, not in the short version); MID\$ = (take a substring and store it in another string); and Load and Save (which operate exactly as CLOAD and CSAVE, tape system only).

The Short Version

The functions supplied with the short version of Beyond-Basic include translating integer expressions into hexadecimal numbers and back; converting strings of hex digits to integers; converting hexadecimal numbers to strings of ASCII codes; converting strings of uppercase letters to lowercase and vice versa; calling machine-language routines; converting degrees to radians; converting between signed and unsigned in-

tegers (65535 to the appropriate normal integer); evaluating numbers buried in strings (VAL finds the number only if it starts the string); PEEKing a string from memory; formatting a number similar to the Print Using command, only this returns a string in a variable; PEEKing of 16-bit numbers; generating a string of spaces with a single command; a routine that performs similarly to INKEY\$, except it waits for a key to be pressed; another routine that operates the same as INKEY\$ except the buffer isn't emptied when it's read; letting you find the address of a line number; and positioning the line-printer print head.

There are several new operators that make it easier to use Beyond-Basic: DIV performs integer division faster than Basic's "/"; EQV performs a binary AND operation on two integers; IMP results in NOT (A AND NOT B); MAX returns the larger value of two numbers; MIN finds the smaller of two numbers; MOD finds the remainder of integer division; and XOR, which returns a true condition if either one, but not both, of its arguments is true.

The Medium Version

The medium version includes all the

commands, functions, and operators of the short version, with the addition of three commands, two statements, and two functions, including:

- Find scans your program for any string of up to 20 characters, including Basic and Beyond-Basic tokens.

- Size gives you program statistics on free memory size; current program size; number of program lines; number of file buffers; number of bytes used by any currently defined variables; number of bytes cleared for strings; and the total size of the program, variables, and string RAM.

- XED, the Extended Basic Editor, performs similarly to the normal Edit except it displays the entire line you're editing (using a nondestructive cursor, like a word processor); control characters are displayed as graphics; the line number can also be edited (letting you duplicate a line by just giving it a new number); graphics can be entered using the G command and pressing Q, W, A, S, Z, and X; and you can store any ASCII character (1-255) in the line being edited.

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- **ERN\$** corrects a deficiency of the on-error trapping routines by providing string messages to the error-trap routine instead of just numbers.

- **SYS** is tied to the plot statements, and fills in the **SYS(15-18)** locations with the proper information.

Long Version

The long version contains everything in the medium version, plus these commands and statements:

- **COMP** automatically compresses your program by removing unneeded spaces and, optionally, remarks.

- **LREF** is a line-number cross-reference.

- **RENUM** is a program renumbering routine.

- **VLIST** lists all the currently defined variables in your program, as well as their values.

- **VREF** is a variable name cross-reference, which lists all the variable names

in your program.

- **MAT**, matrix manipulations, lets you fill, copy, reshape, add, subtract, multiply, print, read, and delete entire arrays with one statement.

- **Sort**, sorts arrays into ascending or descending order; either the entire array or just a portion of it can be sorted at any time. Up to 64 arrays can be simultaneously sorted.

Disk Systems Only

There are several commands, statements, and functions that are restricted to disk systems. Most are related to disk I/O, and include:

- **INCHR\$** reads a character from a disk file.

- **Name** displays default file name.

- **OPEN"C"** opens a file buffer to pass information from one program to another.

- **OPEN"S"** opens a sequential file, for output or input, without erasing the current file on the disk.

- **SLOAD** lets you break a large program into segments.

- **SYS** loads a machine-language program into memory, but doesn't execute it.

The disk versions of Beyond-Basic also include a special utility called

CONFIG/CMD, which lets you change the operation of Basic to your custom needs, such as disabling the lowercase driver (Model I only), causing all output that would normally be sent to the printer to generate a "Feature Not Available" error if you don't have a printer available, setting up a default memory size, or setting up to use the standard Basic Editor instead of **XED**.

There's one command I haven't mentioned yet, and that's "\$". By typing "\$" directly in front of a Basic command, you specify that the command's output be sent to the printer; i.e., **\$DIR** will force the directory to be printed out instead of printed on the video. Also, you'll notice that many Basic commands were modified for use by Beyond-Basic. This hasn't affected their normal performance. Thus, while **CVD** is used by Beyond-Basic to convert degrees to radians, it still functions as convert to double precision when properly used with a field statement and string variable. So you haven't lost any of the normal Basic commands or abilities; instead, they've been enhanced to include new abilities.

As you can see, Beyond-Basic is a very powerful program, but it does have a few flaws: It's guaranteed to work only with **TRSDOS** (or Percom's **DBL-DOS**). Not all your DOS's capabilities (if it's not **TRSDOS**) will work properly.

There's no summary of commands, nor a command-syntax card. If you want to find a command, you must use the manual's index. This also makes it difficult to learn the commands, as you have no handy method to remind you of commands you may have forgotten after reading the manual the first time.

If you write a program using Beyond-Basic, you must always have this system in memory to use the program. (That is, the only people who could use your program would have to have Beyond-Basic before they could use your program.) If you're writing only for your own needs or for someone who has Beyond-Basic, then this point isn't relevant.

I think Beyond-Basic is a useful tool for the programmer writing a program for a specific use. It has many features that ease the difficulty of writing and debugging a program, and many more features that make the program a sleeker, more efficient unit. If you currently use **TRSDOS Basic** for your programming, I suggest you get Beyond-Basic. If you aren't using **TRSDOS**, you should still give Beyond-Basic your consideration in view of its many power features. ■

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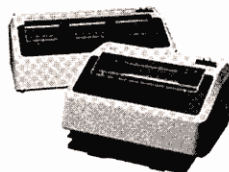


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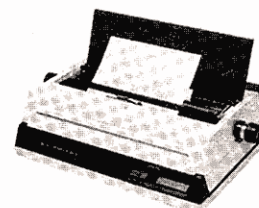


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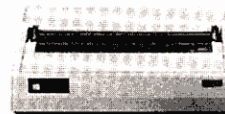
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The Art of Documentation

by G. Michael Vose

Documentation doesn't have to be hard to write. Here's a step-by-step explanation of how to write clear, concise manuals for your code.

Documentation, the written instruction that accompanies most software, is often called the armpit of our industry. Manuals are criticized for being too long, too short, too skinny, too fat, too simple, too complicated—everything except too good.

The fact is, they are often poorly written, incomplete, not indexed, and full of jargon. Many shining examples prove that manuals can be well-written and useful—Radio Shack's Model III Operation and Basic Language Reference Manual or Disk System Owner's Manual, for example—but such a manual requires hard work, and some fundamental knowledge of how to write.

If you have inclinations as a software entrepreneur, you'd better learn some basics of writing high-quality manuals. Good old common sense, and the writing and organizational techniques described in the following paragraphs, can help you develop manuals that can turn out "too good."

Different Styles

There are two main categories of documentation. They are different in style and orientation. The first category is program documentation, the step-by-step explanation of what each program

line does, a table of all variables used in the program, and a flowchart of the program's logic. Program documentation always includes a listing of the program's code. If the listing contains abundant remarks and explanations in the code, the listing is called self-documenting code.

The second category includes the user documentation, the instruction manuals that explain to the end user how to load and run the program.

Both categories (and there is some overlap of the information each requires) need to be organized to accommodate the following goals:

- Make it easy to find information.
- Avoid errors and ambiguous references.
- Don't forget anything.
- Write in a positive, first-person style.

With these general goals in mind, let's take a look at the kinds of information that good documentation should include.

Program Documentation

Program documentation is less important to the people who use the program than it is to you, because most people won't be concerned with how the program works. Those who are will

want to talk to you personally. Ultimately your program documentation needs to be thorough only because you may need it to help you make upgrades and modifications or to repair a bug that surfaces six months after the program is on the market.

Program documentation should include the following materials:

- A listing of the program;
- A variable map listing all the variables used and what they mean;
- A flowchart of the program's logic;
- A description of the hardware the program will run on (listing any exceptions);
- Operating systems the program is written under; and
- Notes on any special restrictions such as memory size, protection of memory for machine-language subroutines, and so on.

It is good technique to make liberal use of remarks when coding your programs. You can remove remarks from the final working version of the program, but they are invaluable during the coding process. A listing of the code with remarks intact is an indispensable part of your program documentation.

Flowcharts often change substantially from a rough diagram of the embryonic program to the chart that describes what the final product actually does. Therefore, you will probably have to draw a flowchart before you start and after you finish writing the program. Don't eliminate this step in the documentation process. This flowchart can save many hours six months later if

you decide to modify the program. A flowchart can help you avoid unworkable additions to the program keeping the logic flow straight in your mind as you try to accommodate a new feature into the existing code.

If you produce detailed program documentation first, preparing user documentation will be easier. Detailed program documentation will give you a clear, well-organized idea of how to present the essential material to the reader.

User Documentation

The first task in writing user documentation is to determine for whom you will be writing. If your program is a utility, you can presume your audience knows quite a bit about computers. You can safely incorporate some jargon into your text and can possibly hedge on things like loading instructions, unless they are out of the ordinary. But if your audience is school children or secretaries, you had better plan to write down every detail on how to use the program, from loading to listing to running, with as little jargon as possible.

Don't underestimate your audience, either. If you've written a business applications program, don't teach the user the fundamentals of that particular business, except as they apply directly to the program. For example, you don't have to explain how to amortize a mortgage to a real estate professional. You do have to explain to him how to enter the principal amount, interest rate, and the term of the loan.

Once you've determined your audience, you'll want to write an introduction spelling out exactly what the program is designed to do. If the program is designed to aid an electrician in troubleshooting television circuitry, state that fact in the first paragraph of your introduction. Explain the features that make your program better than others in subsequent paragraphs. But your first job is to state what the program will do.

Next, describe the hardware your program needs. List the mandatory equipment first and list the optional equipment it supports under a separate heading. Make sure to include the minimum memory size needed to operate the program. If it works in 4K or 16K, say so.

If you've written a disk program, list all the operating systems the program will run under. If the program needs to be modified to run under a certain operating system, make an appendix explaining the modifications and direct the user to it.

Walk Before You Run

The manuals that you write for applications programs—distinct from the reference manual that accompanies a utility or language product—must provide a walk-through or sample run of the program. Programmers like to call this kind of instruction “hand-holding” and it is an important part of any manual.

Instruction manuals should follow the step-by-step procedure that the operator will use to run the program. So, after the introductory materials, your manuals should include installation instructions, if necessary, loading instructions, and running instructions. In addition to these major components, you'll need a table of contents, an index, and possibly one or more appendices.

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Installation instructions should contain advice about the value of making back-up copies of the program and data disks or tapes. If you plan to incorporate a device to prevent unauthorized duplication of your program, this is the place to give the user that information. If you plan to incorporate a method for making one or two back-ups, explain the procedure here. If you plan to set up a registration system for users, tell the reader how to go about registering.

The installation instructions should also contain instructions on formatting data disks, hooking up peripherals such as printers and communications devices, and loading special drivers or routines to be protected in high memory. Installation instructions should also mention any peripheral software needed, such as upper/lowercase modifications or special driver routines for specific printers.

Instructions loading come next and should be very specific. The procedure should be explained step-by-step. Use plain language, not jargon:

● **RIGHT**—Place the operating-system disk in drive 0 and press your computer's

reset button.

● **WRONG**—Boot up your DOS and...

Make sure you spell program file names accurately, and include all extensions, where necessary. I recently was instructed to load a program called MAINMENU by an instruction manual, but obtained “program not found” error messages when I tried. Inspecting the directory of files on the disk, I discovered that the file's real name was MAILMENU. This simple error can be serious to a novice user.

(I place the file names of all programs on a disk along with a short description of each program in an appendix.)

Your loading instructions should include a description of what the operator will see on the screen at each step of the process and will be complete only when you have arrived at the first full screen display of the program itself.

Outline the Procedure

Next, you'll begin by outlining the general procedure the operator will use. Here's an example: A business program will usually be menu driven, offering the operator a choice of options from a list or menu. If the program requires data before a report can be printed, outline the procedure:

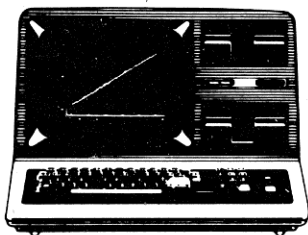
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6. Return to menu
7. Select PRINT DATA
8. Print data
9. Return to menu

Once you've outlined the general procedure, you can write entire chapters of instructions on the specific operations involved in performing the outlined task.

If your program is a game, make sure you list all the functions you've built into it. Here is where your program documentation comes in handy. I once wrote instructions, using an author's materials, for a football game written for the Apple computer. While playing the game, I mentioned to a coworker that it would be nice if you could pass as well as run. He suggested I call the author and ask if he could incorporate that feature into the game. When I called and made the suggestion, the author reported that that function was built into the game, but that he forgot to mention it in his instructions. We came close to publishing the game with one of its most important features unrecorded.

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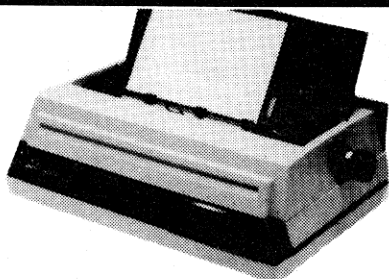
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Start at the Beginning

Think back to those eighth-grade civics and history classes when you had to write a report on government of the Civil War. Once you researched your subject, the first step in preparing your report was to develop an outline.

Outlines give you a method of working your way into the subject gradually, starting with the essential background information and a general presentation of your findings and then moving into a detailed presentation.

An outline of your instruction manu-

al performs the same function. It provides you with an organizational base from which to start. A thorough outline also facilitates writing the table of contents. Take your time. You may have to produce two or three drafts over several days to complete your outline, but it will be time well spent once you begin the writing process.

The introduction to your manual is crucial. Like the lead in a newspaper or magazine article, your lead must capture the reader's attention while offering enough information about what is to follow to entice the reader to continue. The introduction must also tell the potential buyer what benefits he will derive from owning the program. Where possible, this enumeration of the benefits should be specific without being technical.

All too often an introduction (and even many product announcements) contain an impressive list of the technical features of a product, but never explain what the product is designed to do. For the majority of buyers, the process is much less important than the results. In fact, many products include outstanding features that go unused simply because they are never made understandable to the nontechnical user.

For example, a popular word-processing package claims, "... a printing chaining feature, permits installing special control characters in your text, loads ASCII files, EDTASM files..." and much more. These terms are meaningful to people experienced in using computers and word processors, but will mean little to the first-time buyer. It would be better to omit mention of these features in the introduction. They would be more suited to a section entitled "Advanced Features" for experienced buyers.

The key, then, to writing your introduction is to explain what your program will do as simply as you can. You'll have an opportunity to explain how it does these things later.

Some Dos and Don'ts

In any kind of technical writing for semi- or nontechnical readers, there are several rules to observe.

Observing these rules may add a little time to your manual preparation, but will be worth it in the long run. First, the Dos:

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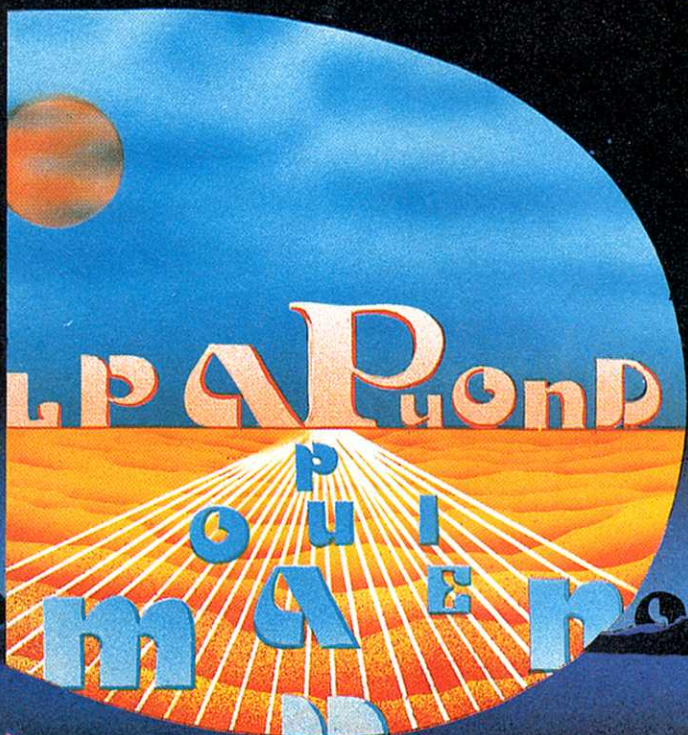
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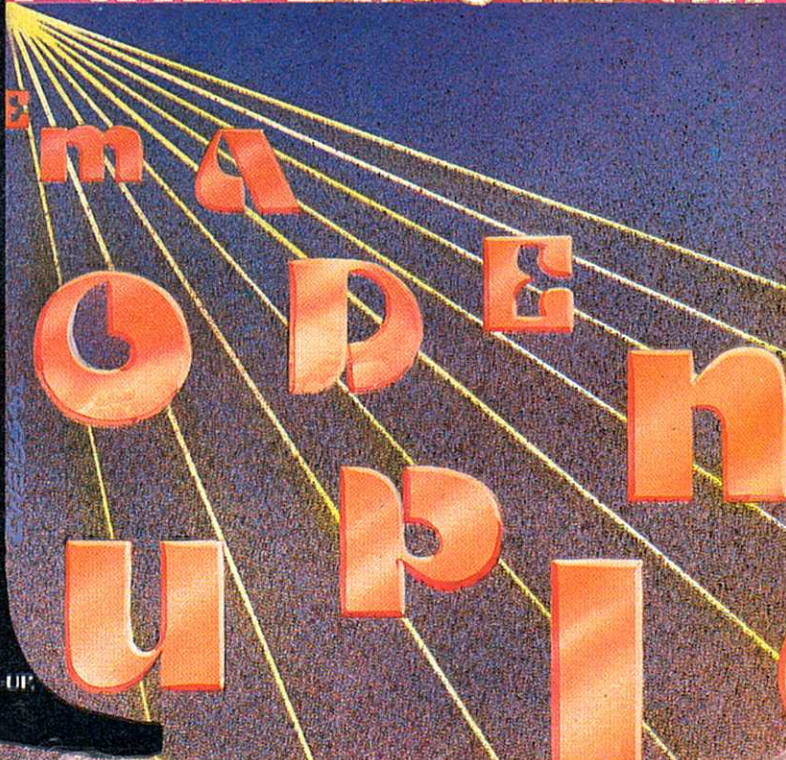
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- Do use acronyms to modify nouns, not as stand-alone terms. Use "disk operating system," not DOS when referring to the disk operating system; DOS can modify disk or command, as in "DOS disk" or "DOS command," after you have defined it.

- Do define any terms you want to abbreviate. Define kilobyte (K) and its abbreviation before using the conventional "32K" in a memory description.

Here are some important Don'ts:

- Don't use unnecessary abbreviations such as "tech" for technical or "specs" for specifications. Abbreviations should be used sparingly.

- Don't assume your reader understands how to perform essential operations that are out of the ordinary. For example, if your program uses the Purge function that many disk operating systems make available, explain how to use the function or direct the reader to a reference that will outline the procedure.

- Don't use program names or features to describe a process: "Back up your disks" should be written, "Make back-up copies of your disks."

- Don't use nouns as verbs.
- Don't make up new words.
- Don't use jargon.

These rules will help you avoid some of the most confusing errors committed in writing about software.

A good test of your written materials is to give them to someone who knows nothing about computers. Ask him to read your manual. Have him point out fuzzy or vague passages and words or phrases he doesn't understand. You can then rewrite these passages to produce a manual that will be usable by almost anyone.

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It is a frustrating fact of life that most people will not take time to read the instruction manual. Undoubtedly, they are so anxious to see what programming miracles you have wrought that they merely skim through the manual gaining only the barest idea of how to proceed. Subsequently, when they run into a problem, they pick up the manual and start flipping through its pages hoping the answer will jump out at them.

At this point you'll make a lot of

friends if you've had the wisdom to include a table of contents and an index. The longer the manual, the more important these components become. These two elements of a manual should not be treated as an afterthought; spend some time preparing them. Make them as complete as possible.

The basis for the table of contents will be the original outline of your manual adapted to conform to the final draft of the manuscript. Your chapters should be short and confined to the discussion of one subject, where possible. In a very long manual, the table of contents can include the chapter subheads. Make it easy on the reader to find the information he needs. Put the table of contents at the beginning of your manual.

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On a separate page just after your table of contents, you might consider listing all figures, tables, sample screens, and menus accompanied by appropriate page numbers. Often, such figures or sample problems are a short-cut solution to a user's indecision.

Indexing

Indexing is more difficult, but even more important. The index must contain a reference for each process discussed in your manual. The index is a rare bird in manual production; make sure you list it in the table of contents.

Different methods of preparing an index are worth an article in themselves. The most familiar is the card method. You must work quickly and scrupulously. Make yourself a pot of coffee, buy a thick stack of three-by-five cards and grab the family's recipe file box.

I say you must work quickly because an index is usually the last step in the preparation of a manual. Your publisher is waiting to go to press. But before you begin, you must have final page proofs with correct pagination. Unlike

many typeset books, technical manuals are often bound on 8½-by-11 sheets delivered by a line printer. This allows you the advantage of knowing where your material will fall on each page much earlier in the production cycle.

Step one is unmitigated torture. That's right, you're going to have to read your own manual. While reading, underline keywords about the subject under discussion, as well as indicator phrases about the aspects you are explaining. Each keyword followed by its indicators should be listed on a separate index card, page by page. Later, the cards can be collected in alphabetical order. Your indicator entries should be edited for redundancy and their page numbers combined.

If you composed your subheads carefully for the table of contents, these keywords will come easily; the indicator phrases are more difficult. Nothing is more useless to the reader than an index entry "disk" followed by 12, 18, 32-36, 94. If this is the best you can do, don't waste your time. The above entry does not give the reader a clue as to whether you are discussing information storage on disk (storage) or what happens when you leave one on overnight (care and handling).

"Disk" is distinct from "disk operating system," which itself must be itemized by user instructions, or special notes for use with certain peripherals.

Cross-referencing is another arcane and tedious art, but necessary. If you think the reader might be struggling to find DOS instructions, let him know they can be found under "disk operating system." If he's looking for ASCII character codes, make sure you direct him to "American Standard Code for Information Interchange."

There are a number of other tips to follow, and I recommend two good reference manuals: *A Manual of Style* is put out by the University of Chicago Press, and *Words into Type* is published by Prentice-Hall. They both have chapters delineating the protocol of indexing. They are standard editorial guides and you'll find them in the reference room of your city library.

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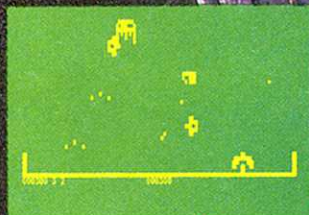
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If you proofread your own work, it's wise to set it aside for a few days, so the material will appear fresh. Better yet, give your manuscript to a friend who has a sharp eye for spelling and punctuation, and let this trusted soul make proofreading corrections.

Even though program listings are machine generated, and presumably error-free, it is a good idea to proofread these listings, too. Be on the lookout for misspelled words in print statements or routines. When you are writing a program, a misspelled word seems trivial, but when a software submissions editor looks over your work, those errors will leap off the screen. They can't help your cause and are so easy to avoid.

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Use your Color Computer, a Line Printer VII, and this program to keep your mailing list up to date. It lets you print labels, too!

Program Listing

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10 CLEAR 9000:T=40:L=38:DIMM$(T,8):N=0:M=7
20 CLS:PRINT"COLOR COMPUTER MAILING LIST"      FOLLOWING OPTIONS A
AVAILABLE:"
30 PRINT"    <A>DD NAMES TO THE MAILING      LIST"
40 PRINT"    <R>EAD MAILING LIST FROM TAPE    <C>HANGE THE MAILING
LIST"
50 PRINT"    <L>IST NAMES ON THE SCREEN      <P>RINT MAILING LABE
LS"
60 PRINT"    <W>RITE MAILING LIST ON TAPE    <D>PRINT ADDRESS LIS
T"
70 PRINT"    <E>ND"
80 PRINT"  NUMBER OF NAMES IN LIST=";N
90 PRINT "KEY IN YOUR OPTION"
100 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN100
110 ON INSTR("EARCLPWD",A$) GOTO130,140,460,470,360,700,440,860
120 GOTO20
130 END
140 CLS:PRINT"ADD NAMES TO THE MAILING LIST"
150 PRINT"DO YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER DATA(Y/N)?"
160 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN160
170 IFA$="N"THEN230
180 CLS:PRINT"NAME 1":PRINT"NAME 2":PRINT"NAME 3":PRINT"NAME 4"
190 PRINT"ORGANIZATION":PRINT"ADDRESS":PRINT"CITY,STATE,ZIP":PRI
NT"TELEPHONE"
200 PRINT"ABOVE ARE THE DATA ENTRY ITEMS. TYPE EACH ITEM AND PRE
SS ENTER."
210 PRINT"TO IGNOR AN ITEM JUST PRESS      ENTER.  "
220 LINEINPUT"PRESS ENTER TO BEGIN";A$
230 CLS:IFN<T THEN250
240 GOTO280
250 N=N+1
260 GOSUB1000:IFM$(N,0)<>" THEN250
270 N=N-1:GOTO20
280 PRINT " OUT OF MEMORY ":PRINT"DO YOU WANT TO RECORD THE"
290 PRINT"CURRENT LIST ON TAPE(Y/N)?"
300 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN300
310 IFA$="Y"THENGOSUB1130
320 PRINT"DO YOU WANT TO CLEAR THE MEMORY FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES(Y
/N)?"
330 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN330
340 IFA$="Y"THEN N=0
350 GOTO20
360 CLS:IFN=0THENGOSUB1190:GOTO20
370 PRINT"KEY IN SEARCH FIELD(1 TO 8)"
380 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN380
390 IFA$<"1"ORA$>"8"THEN370ELSEF=VAL(A$)-1:I=1
400 J=1:CLS
410 PRINTI;" ";M$(I,F):J=J+1:I=I+1:IFI>N THEN430:ELSEIFJ<11THEN4
10
420 PRINT"":GOSUB1110:LINE INPUT";A$:GOTO400

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Listing continues

One way computers are used in the business world is to produce and maintain mailing lists. This article describes a mailing list program for the Color Computer with a Line Printer VII.

Since some labels must contain a person's name in addition to an organization's name and address, the program allows for up to four lines on the label. When the label must have three or four names, the program automatically prints the address information on two labels, because address labels only allow five lines of information.

For ease of operation, the program makes maximum use of INKEY\$ for program control. Additionally, each address line is checked for length and the operator cued for reentry. The program also allows the option of printing an address list with phone numbers for office use. This address list can be kept up to date and then used to correct the data stored in the data file on tape.

The program allows eight data fields for each label. Fields 1 to 4 contain names of specific individuals at each organization. Field 5 is the organization name while field 6 is the street address. The city, state, and zip code are in field 7 with the telephone number in field 8.

Program Operation

After inputting the program, enter

The Key Box

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PCLEAR1 to clear sufficient memory. The main menu allows the following options:

● A—adds names to the mailing list or starts a new list. This option provides user instructions for data entry. If the list becomes too long, the program offers the option of storing the current list on tape.

● R—reads in a mailing list from a tape data file.

● L—lists names on the screen. This option also allows the user to select other data fields for listing on the screen. For example, use of field 5 lists all organization names.

● C—changes the mailing list. The program presents a new menu with four options: D—delete a name from the list; C—change one of the eight fields for each address; A—another address (return to find another address); and E—exit this option to the main menu. The computer assigns a number to each address, and this number must be entered to find a specific address for deletion or change. The number is displayed on the screen during option L.

● P—prints address labels. Radio Shack recommends dry-gum labels (26-1456) for the Line Printer VII. However, these labels are two across.

Listing continued

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430 PRINT "END OF LIST ":GOSUB1110:LINE INPUT"";A$:GOTO20
440 CLS:IFN=0THEN GOSUB1190:GOTO20
450 PRINT"RECORD MAILING LIST ON TAPE":PRINT"":GOSUB1130:GOTO20
460 CLS:PRINT"READ MAILING LIST":GOSUB1220:GOTO20
470 CLS:IFN=0THENGOSUB1190:GOTO20
480 PRINT "CHANGE"
490 PRINT "TO DISPLAY ADDRESS, ENTER ADDRESS # (IF UNKNOWN
    USE <L>)"
500 PRINT "TO EXIT THIS MODE PRESS ENTER "
510 PRINT"":LINE INPUT"NUMBER";A$:I=VAL(A$):IFA$=""THEN20
520 CLS
530 PRINT" <D>ELETE NAME <C>HANGE A FIELD"
540 PRINT" <A>NOTHER NAME "
550 PRINT" <E>XIT"
560 FORJ=0TOM:PRINTJ+1;M$(I,J):NEXT
570 PRINT"KEY IN SELECTION"
580 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN580
590 IFA$<"C"THEN660
600 PRINT"TYPE IN THE NUMBER OF FIELD AND THEN ENTER THE NEW VAL
    UE"
610 PRINT"KEY IN FIELD(1 TO 8)"
620 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN620
630 IFA$<"1"ORAS">"8"THEN610ELSEJ=VAL(A$)-1
640 LINE INPUT"NEW ITEM";M$(I,J):IF LEN(M$(I,J))<L+1 THEN520
650 PRINT"TOO LONG, REENTER":GOTO640
660 IFA$<"E"THEN680
670 GOTO20
680 IFA$="A"THEN470
690 IFA$<"D"THEN520ELSEM$(I,0)="":GOSUB1300:GOTO470
700 CLS:IFN=0THENGOSUB1190:GOTO20
710 PRINT"PRINT MAILING LABELS"
720 PRINT"DO YOU WANT A TRIAL RUN(Y/N)?"
730 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN730
740 IFA$="N"THEN760
750 FORJ=1TO2:I=1:GOSUB1330:NEXT:GOTO720
760 PRINT"PRESS <P> TO START PRINTING, <E> TO EXIT"
770 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN770
780 IFA$="E"THEN20
790 I=1
800 GOSUB1330:I=I+1

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Therefore, this option prints two identical labels for each address. This option allows a trial run of two labels to align the printer.

- D—prints address list with phone numbers.
- W—writes entire address list to a tape data file.
- E—end.

Program Structure

In line 10, variable T controls the total number of addresses in the list while L controls the length of each address field. Clear additional string space if T is increased.

Lines 20–130 are the main menu. Lines 140–350 are the A option. Delete lines 150–220 if data entry instructions are not required.

Lines 360–430 are the L option, lines 440–450 the W option, line 460 the R option, lines 470–690 the C option, lines 700–850 the P option, lines 860–930 the D option, and lines 1000–1630 the various subroutines called from the main program. ■

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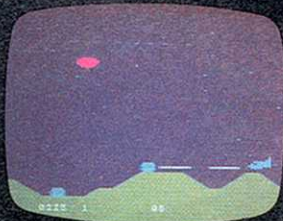
810 IF I<=N THEN 800
820 PRINT"DO YOU WANT TO READ IN ANY MORE TAPES(Y/N)?"
830 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN 830
840 IFA$="Y"THENGOSUB1220
850 GOTO20
860 CLS:IFN=0THENGOSUB1190:GOTO20
870 I=1
880 GOSUB1550:I=I+1
890 IF I<=N THEN 880
900 PRINT"DO YOU WANT TO READ IN ANY MORE TAPES(Y/N)?"
910 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN 910
920 IFA$="Y"THENGOSUB1220
930 GOTO20
1000 LINE INPUT"NAME 1";M$(N,0):IF LEN(M$(N,0))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1000
1010 IF M$(N,0)=""THEN 1090
1020 LINE INPUT"NAME 2";M$(N,1):IF LEN(M$(N,1))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1020
1030 LINE INPUT"NAME 3";M$(N,2):IF LEN(M$(N,2))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1030
1040 LINE INPUT"NAME 4";M$(N,3):IF LEN(M$(N,3))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1040
1050 LINE INPUT"ORGANIZATION";M$(N,4):IF LEN(M$(N,4))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1050
1060 LINE INPUT"ADDRESS";M$(N,5):IF LEN(M$(N,5))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1060
1070 LINE INPUT"CITY,STATE,ZIP";M$(N,6):IF LEN(M$(N,6))>L THEN GOSUB1100
:GOTO1070
1080 LINE INPUT"TELEPHONE";M$(N,7)
1090 RETURN
1100 PRINT"TOO LONG, REENTER":RETURN
1110 PRINT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";:RETURN
1120 PRINT"NO DATA IN MEMORY":RETURN
1130 GOSUB1200
1140 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN 1140
1150 IFA$="E"THEN PRINT":RETURN
1160 PRINT"RECORDING DATA":OPEN"O",-1,"DATA"
1170 FOR I=1 TO N:PRINT#-1,M$(I,0),M$(I,1),M$(I,2),M$(I,3),M$(I,4),M$(I,5),M$(I,6),M$(I,7):NEXT I
1180 CLOSE#-1:RETURN
1190 GOSUB1120:GOSUB1110:LINE INPUT"":A$:RETURN
1200 PRINT"SETUP THE RECORDER AND PRESS <R> WHEN READY":PRINT"<E> TO EXIT"
1210 RETURN
1220 GOSUB1200
1230 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN 1230
1240 IFA$="E"THEN RETURN
1250 PRINT"READING DATA":OPEN"I",-1,"DATA":N=1
1260 IF EOF(-1) THEN 1290
1270 INPUT#-1,M$(N,0),M$(N,1),M$(N,2),M$(N,3),M$(N,4),M$(N,5),M$(N,6),M$(N,7)
1280 N=N+1:GOTO1260
1290 CLOSE#-1:N=N-1:RETURN
1300 CLS:PRINT"RECOVERING SPACE"
1310 N=N-1:FOR J=1 TO N:FOR K=0 TO 7:M$(J,K)=M$(J+1,K):NEXT K
1320 RETURN
1330 IF M$(I,2)="" THEN 1430
1340 PRINT#-2,M$(I,0);TAB(42);M$(I,0)
1350 PRINT#-2,M$(I,1);TAB(42);M$(I,1)
1360 PRINT#-2,M$(I,2);TAB(42);M$(I,2)
1370 PRINT#-2,M$(I,3);TAB(42);M$(I,3)
1380 PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,""
1390 PRINT#-2,M$(I,4);TAB(42);M$(I,4)
1400 PRINT#-2,M$(I,5);TAB(42);M$(I,5)
1410 PRINT#-2,M$(I,6);TAB(42);M$(I,6)
1420 PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":RETURN
1430 IF M$(I,1)="" THEN 1500
1440 PRINT#-2,M$(I,0);TAB(42);M$(I,0)
1450 PRINT#-2,M$(I,1);TAB(42);M$(I,1)
1460 PRINT#-2,M$(I,4);TAB(42);M$(I,4)
1470 PRINT#-2,M$(I,5);TAB(42);M$(I,5)
1480 PRINT#-2,M$(I,6);TAB(42);M$(I,6)
1490 PRINT#-2,"":RETURN
1500 PRINT#-2,M$(I,0);TAB(42);M$(I,0)
1510 PRINT#-2,M$(I,4);TAB(42);M$(I,4)
1520 PRINT#-2,M$(I,5);TAB(42);M$(I,5)
1530 PRINT#-2,M$(I,6);TAB(42);M$(I,6)
1540 PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":RETURN
1550 PRINT#-2,M$(I,0):IF M$(I,1)=""THEN 1590
1560 PRINT#-2,M$(I,1):IF M$(I,2)=""THEN 1590
1570 PRINT#-2,M$(I,2):IF M$(I,3)=""THEN 1590
1580 PRINT#-2,M$(I,3)
1590 PRINT#-2,M$(I,4)
1600 PRINT#-2,M$(I,5)
1610 PRINT#-2,M$(I,6)
1620 PRINT#-2,M$(I,7)
1630 PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":RETURN

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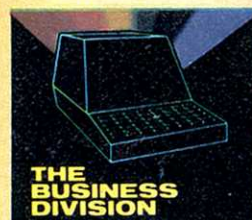
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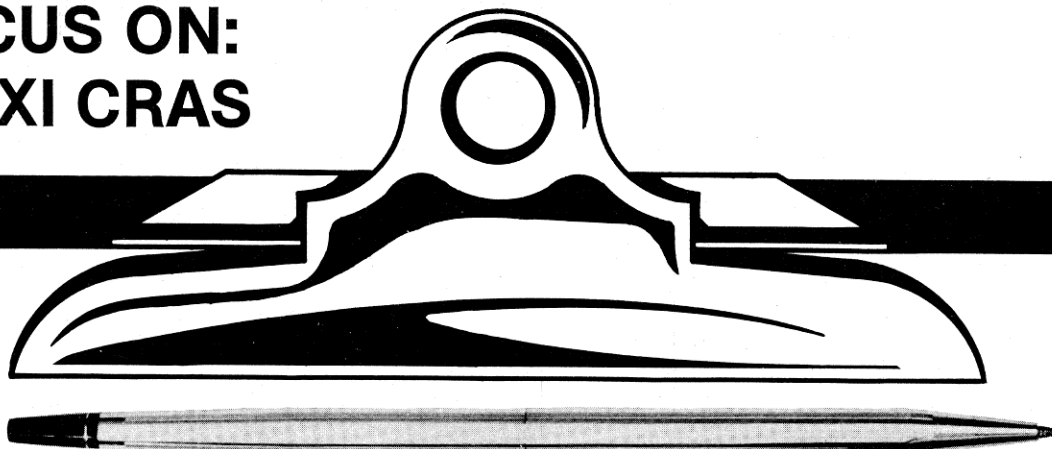
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As mentioned in each previous article, the individual projects are capable of stand-alone operation. Separate PC boards for each allow tailoring the system to your needs. Gradual investment will produce a complex, powerful adjunct to the TRS-80. In addition, initial trial (and troubleshooting) of in-

dividual system components is enhanced via the stand-alone operation concept.

Additional hardware presented in this article includes a ribbon cable distribution PC board and system cabinet construction details. The cable PC board simplifies board-to-board connections. If you have been building the system one board at a time, you have no doubt already assembled a 40-conductor

cable/card-edge connector for at least one of the boards. This same cable can be used to connect the TRS-80 and the new cable PC board. Then, even if you build all PC boards simultaneously, you can check out each project individually (rather than applying power to the entire system the first time). Simply attach the project board cables one at a time, verifying proper operation at each step before proceeding.

The system cabinet described here is also mentioned in the Disk Controller article. There is no electrical reason why a different metal cabinet configuration can't be used; but this particular cabinet is a compromise between cost, rapid construction, ease of circuit troubleshooting, and a handy means of elevating the video monitor a few inches closer to eye level. For those without facilities to prepare the cabinet, a completely drilled, punched, painted, and labelled version is available (see note at end of article).

System Integration

First, let's consider some system integration concepts, particularly as related to address/data line utilization and

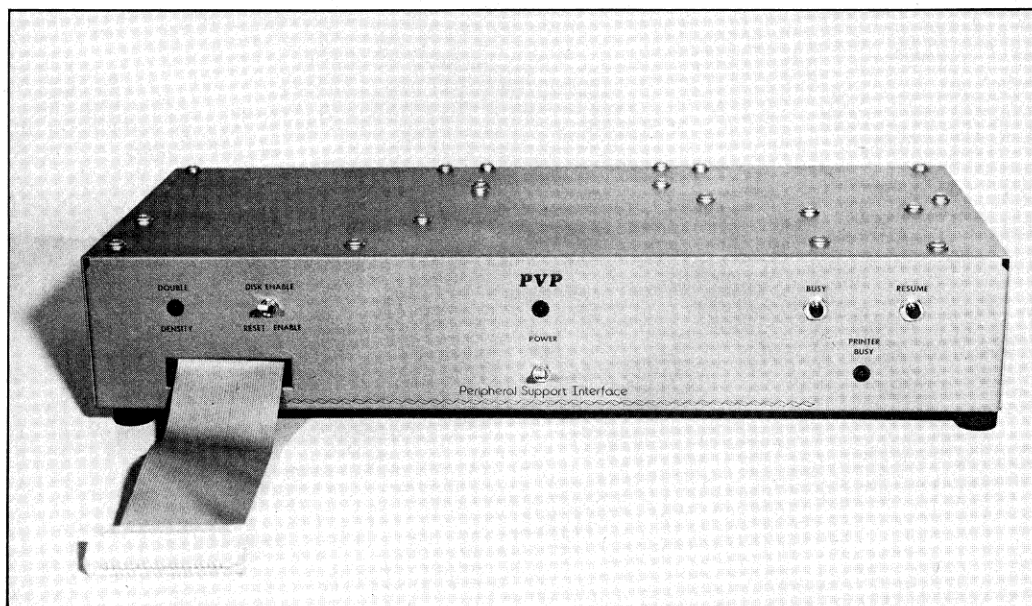


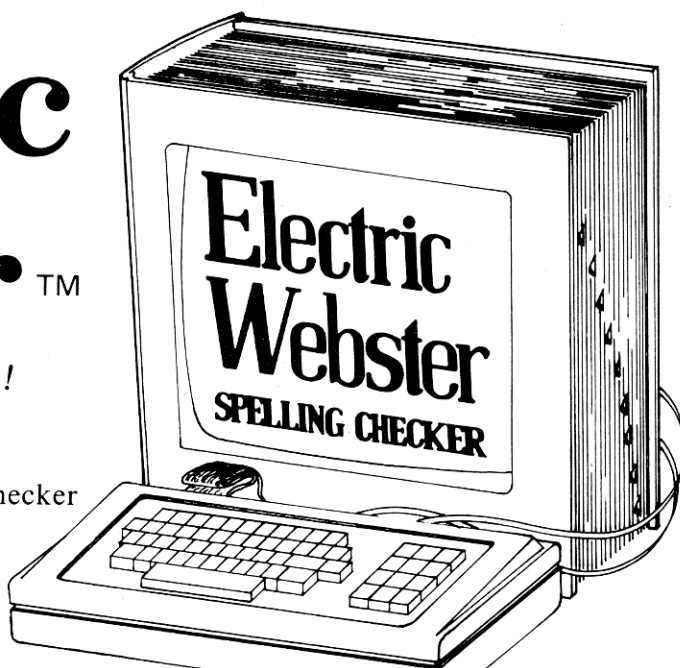
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power supply distribution.

Figure 1 contains a system view of how address lines are used in the PSI. The printer interface decodes A2-A15, looking for a 37E8 address. When 37E8 is decoded in the presence of a Write (WR) command, the current data bus character or instruction is clocked into a data buffer, then on to the printer. A busy signal tells the TRS-80 not to send more data until the current data is processed. 37E8 together with read (RD) feeds the printer status (out of paper, fault, for example) back to the TRS-80. (Since A0 and A1 are not decoded in the printer interface, addresses 37E9, 37EA, and 37EB produce the same result as 37E8. This is not a problem, as these three addresses are never used.)

The 32K memory mod decodes A14 and A15 to activate one of the two 16K blocks of memory on the board. When A15 is present along with row address strobe (RAS), the RAM memory block operating over addresses 32768-49151 is enabled. When both A15 and A14 are present along with RAS, the 49152-65535 block is enabled. Two groups of addresses (A0-A6 and A7-A13) are multiplexed to the RAMs. A0-A6 contain the row address information for the RAMs, while A7-A13 contain column address information.

The disk controller decodes A2, A3, and A5-A15, producing six key control signals used throughout the controller. These signals are used in the support circuitry for the floppy disk controller (FDC) ICs, and also within

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the FDCs. There they combine with A0 and A1 to select a desired FDC register. A0 and A1 are also used with data access lines (DAL0 and DAL3-DAL7), write enable (WE), and system reset (SYSRES) to define the disk controller mode of operation.

Figure 2 contains a system view of data lines used in the PSI. The printer interface receives all eight data lines, latching the incoming data from the TRS-80 and holding it for use by the printer. Status feedback information from the printer is gated onto data lines D4-D7. Thus, the printer interface alternately routes information to and from the printer. (It does not alter data in any way.)

The 32K memory mod uses the data lines directly at the RAM data inputs. RAM data outputs, however, are gated onto the data lines only when directed by the TRS-80 (via decoding of A14, A15, and RD). As with the printer interface, strict control must be placed on when outputs can appear on the data lines. This avoids two or more sources trying to output data at the same time.

The disk controller uses a gated version of the data lines (DAL0-DAL7) for FDC activities

and as a decoding source for determining mode of operation. The FDC converts incoming TRS-80 parallel data to serial, allowing disk drive recording. Similarly, it converts serial read-data from the drives back into parallel for the TRS-80. The single density (SD)/double density (DD) decoder uses DAL0 and DAL3-DAL7, together with A0, A1, WE, and SYSRES to enable either the single density FDC (1771) or the double density FDC (1791) as commanded by the software. D0-D3 are connected directly to a disk drive select latch, activating the appropriate disk drive.

Figure 3 contains a system view of power supply distribution in the PSI. Sufficient reserve capability in the +12/-+5/-5V power supply in the 32K memory mod article also allows it to provide +5V for the printer interface and +12/-5V for the disk controller. It cannot, however, provide the +5V needs of the disk controller. For this reason, a separate on-board +5V supply was included in the disk controller design. The printer interface PC board contains provisions for a simple zener diode regulator intended for the stand-alone application, where power is provided by a 6V dc wall plug-

in supply. In the PSI, however, power is obtained from a pre-regulated +5V source; therefore C3, D1, and R7 must be omitted from the board, and the +5V should be directly connected to C2.

If you have already built the 32K memory mod and are now building the PSI, it is a good idea to move the 32K memory mod to the PSI cabinet. This will enhance system noise characteristics and allow multifunction use of the 32K memory mod's power supply.

Ribbon Cable Distribution PC Board

A full-size etch pattern for the ribbon cable distribution PC board is in Fig. 4. Figure 5 contains a complete description of all conductor destinations on the board, including suggested ribbon cable lengths when using the cabinet described in the parts list. Provisions are included for four ribbon cables: one each to the printer interface, 32K memory mod, and disk controller boards, plus a cable to the TRS-80 keyboard expansion port card edge. Connections at the three PSI boards are identical to those described in the individual articles. If you have already built the three individual projects, and the ribbon cable lengths are sufficient for the PSI, there is no need for wiring changes at these three boards.

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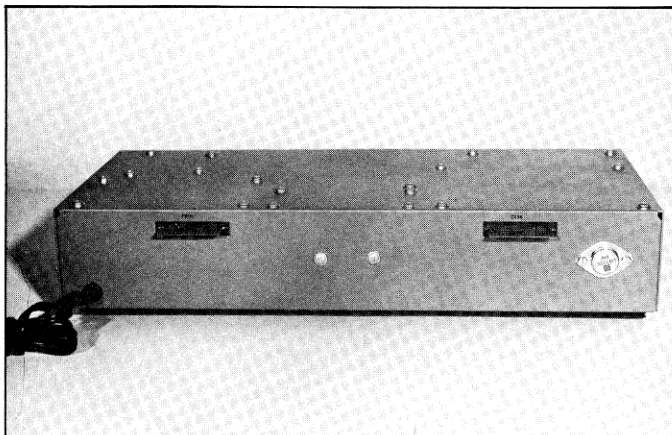


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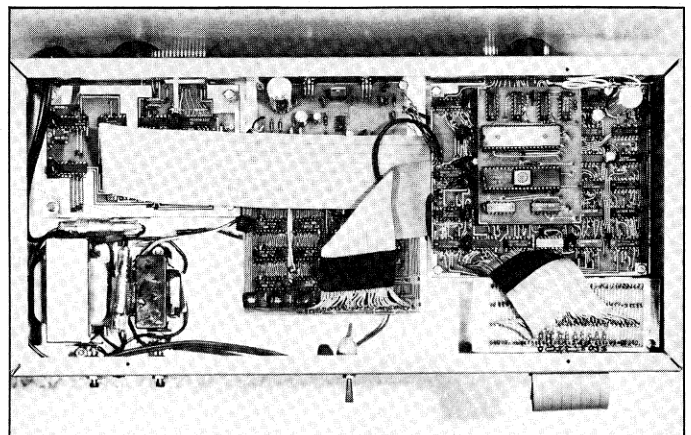


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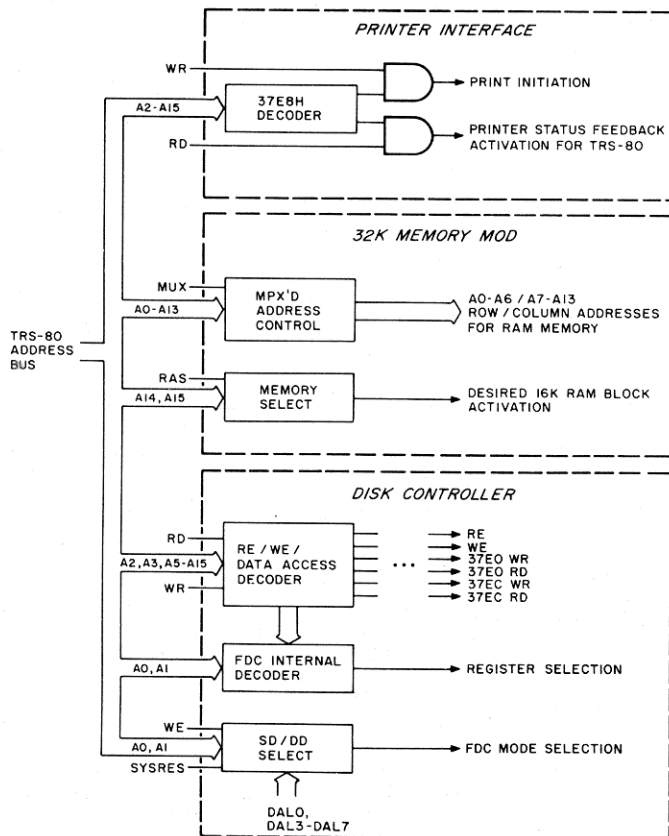


Fig. 1. TRS-80 address bus utilization in the PSI

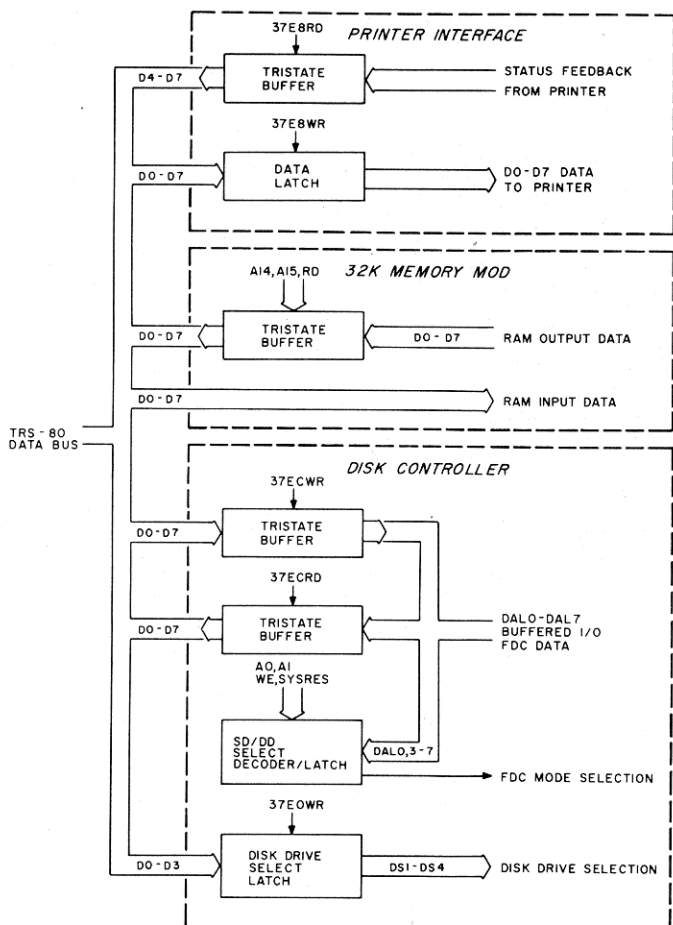


Fig. 2. TRS-80 data bus utilization in the PSI

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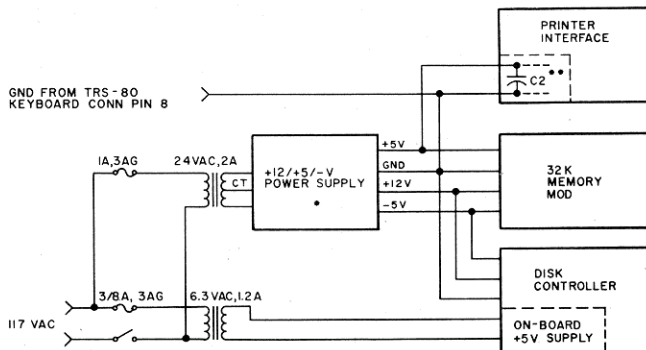


Fig. 3. Power supply distribution in the PSI. Be sure to use the version in the 32K Memory Mod article. Although the bare PC boards are the same in both the Mem Mod and Disk Controller articles, the components used on the board for the stand-alone disk controller are not suited for use as shown here.

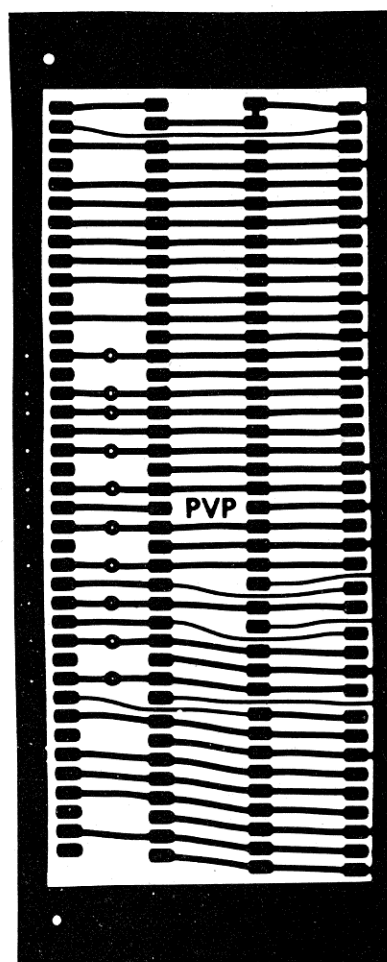


Fig. 4. Etch pattern for ribbon cable distribution PC board

of every wire, just be sure no cable is wired backward. Be certain that the A2-end of the ribbon cables at the cable PC board is the same end attached to the A2 pads of the three project boards. Because of the fan-out required to fit the 2-inch wide ribbon cable into pads spanning 4 inches, it is a good

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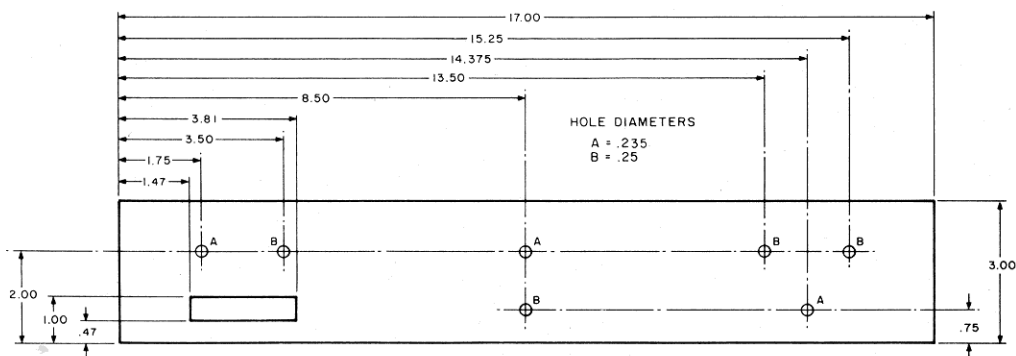


Fig. 8. Cabinet front panel dimensions

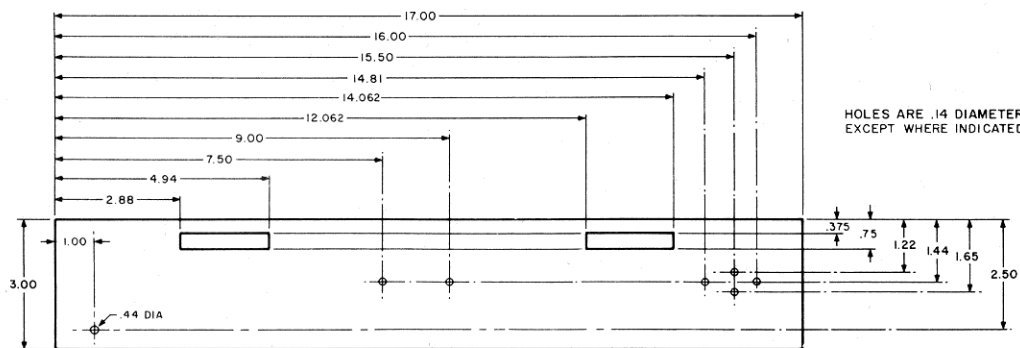


Fig. 9. Cabinet rear panel dimensions

and 1½ inches for the cable PC board. The two power transformers are also mounted to the top. Thus, you can remove the bottom cover to allow unobstructed circuit access for servicing.

Wiring connections, other than ribbon cables, between the PC boards and cabinet-mounted components are shown on Fig. 11. Be very careful to properly insulate the transformer primary and power switch connections to eliminate potential shock hazard. A good way to insulate the power switch is to slip a 1½ inch length of large-diameter shrink tubing over the switch, after soldering the wires and routing them out the front side instead of at the rear terminal locations. While the shrink tubing is still hot, pinch the rear portion of it (extending out beyond the solder terminals) with pliers and hold until the tubing has cooled. The tubing should remain pinched together. Before mounting the disk controller regulator to the outside of the

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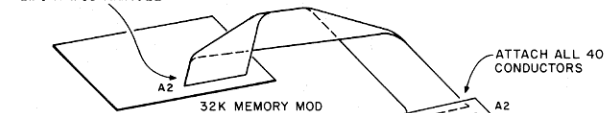
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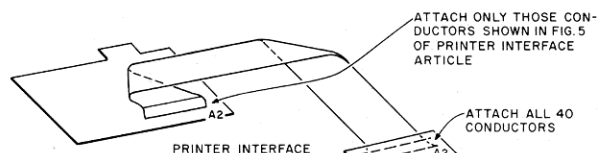
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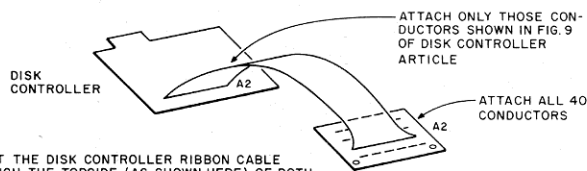
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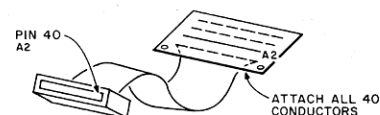
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UNDERSIDE OF THE CABLE PC BOARD AND THE
TOPSIDE OF THE MEMORY MOD BOARD.



STEP 2
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UNDERSIDE OF THE CABLE PC BOARD AND THE
TOPSIDE OF THE PRINTER INTERFACE BOARD.



STEP 3
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THROUGH THE TOPSIDE (AS SHOWN HERE) OF BOTH
THE DISK CONTROLLER AND CABLE PC BOARDS.



STEP 4
INSERT THE TRS-80 RIBBON CABLE THROUGH
THE UNDERSIDE OF THE CABLE PC BOARD.

Fig. 7. Ribbon cable routing guide

cabinet, be sure to scrape away the paint in that area. The best way to do that is to temporarily place the regulator in position and trace its outline onto the cabinet. Using a small screwdriver, carefully scrape away the paint within the outline, then apply thermal heatsink compound before fastening the regulator. Attach a solder lug to one of the two screws to provide a regulator ground connection point inside the cabinet.

Operation

I have tested the PSI with two popular double density disk operating systems: DBLDOS by Percom, and Double Zap-Enhanced NEWDOS80 by Aparat. Other double density operating systems compatible with the hardware supported by these two systems should also work on the PSI. Of course, you can use any single density DOS designed for use with the Radio Shack Expansion Interface as well.

Just a quick note on opera-

tion of the keyboard Reset button in conjunction with the reset enable switch position on the PSI. When the keyboard is not

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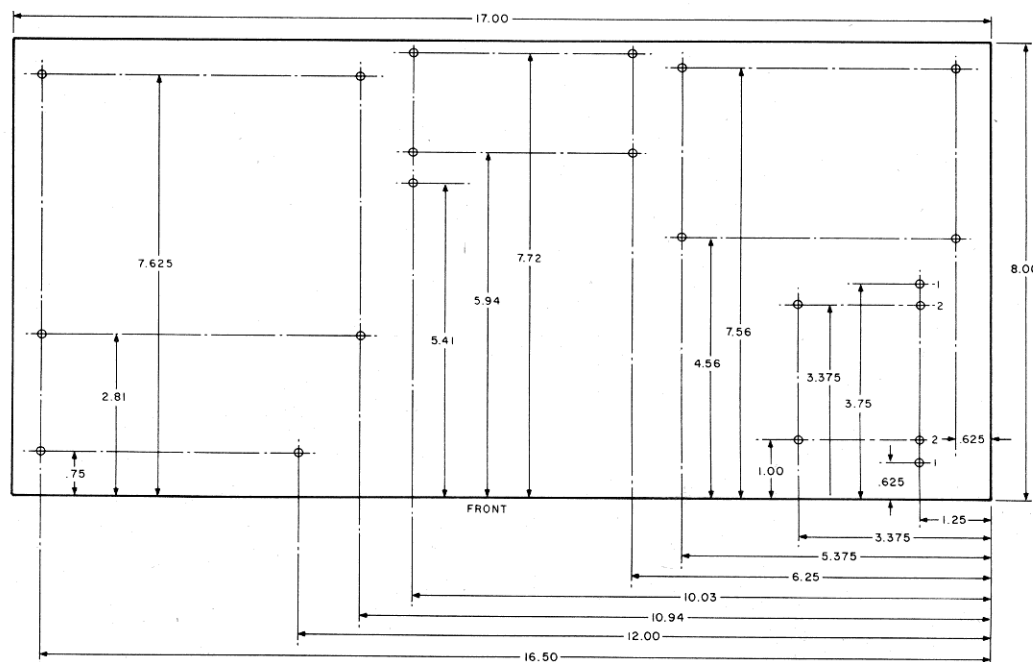


Fig. 10. Cabinet top panel dimensions. All holes are .14 inch in diameter. If the cabinet will house the 32K memory mod, use the #1 holes (shown at right) to accommodate its larger transformer. Otherwise use the #2 holes.

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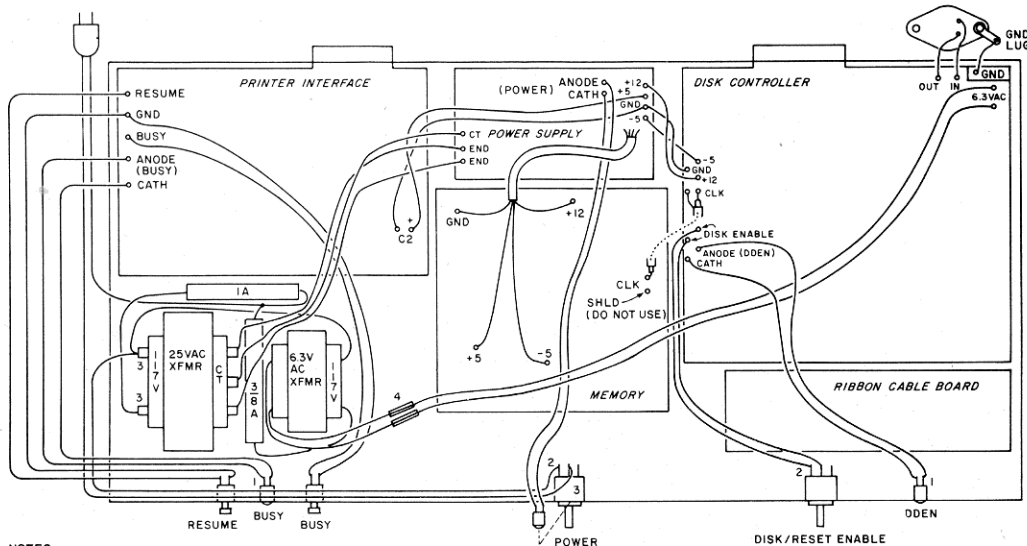
set enable switch position, this will not prevent action on a faulty command from the TRS-80 to the FDC. Until you can safely predict the conse-

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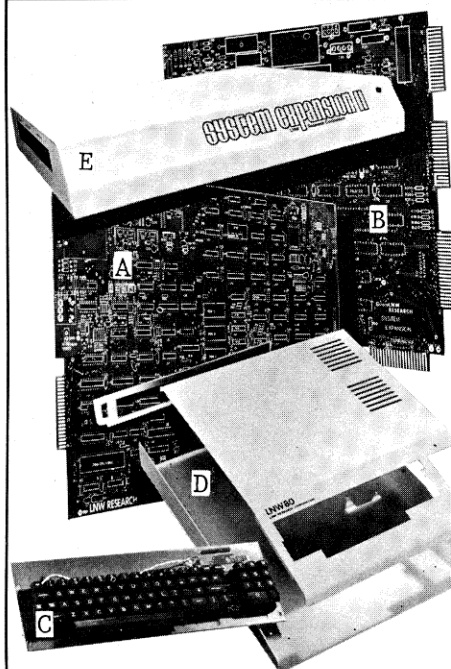
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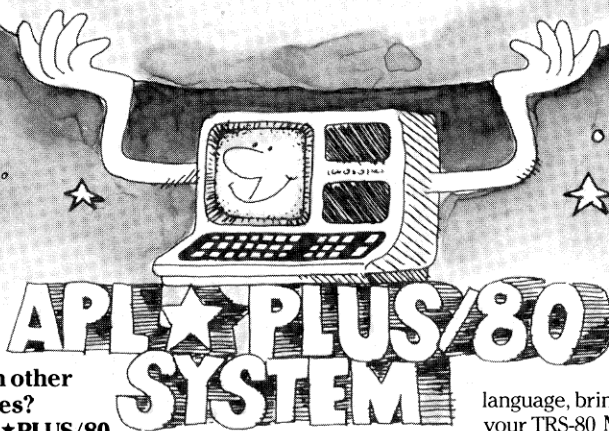
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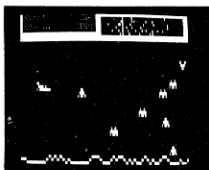
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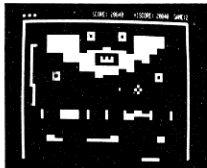


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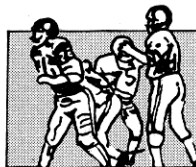


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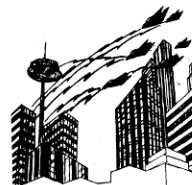
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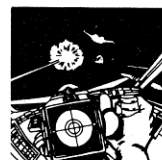


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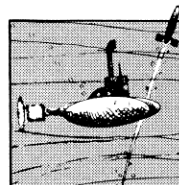
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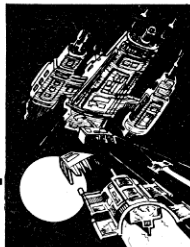
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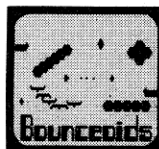


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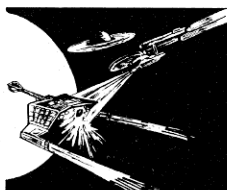
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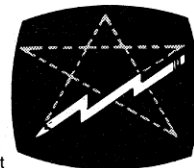


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The Manual

Alcor Pascal's 250-page manual is well organized and referenced, and the print is easy to read. It is divided into four main sections: Editor, System, Tutorial, and Reference.

The particularly outstanding sections

If procedure-oriented languages intrigue you, Alcor Pascal may be the answer to your needs.

of the manual are the Tutorial and Reference sections. The Tutorial can serve as a useful introduction or refresher to the world of Pascal. To learn the ins and outs will take a more in-depth treatment than is presented here, but nevertheless, the tutorial, with all its examples and explanations, is certainly an aid.

The Reference section is a complete reference on Alcor Pascal, including the standard Pascal procedures implemented, and the many enhancements. Each Pascal construct is explained, a short syntax diagram is given, and then examples follow.

The System section describes the system implementation on the TRS-80 Models I and III. It discusses the procedures of compiling and linking compiled code, as well as the compile-time error messages and the TRS-80 procedure and function library supported by Alcor Pascal. The Editor section shows the various Editor commands for the creation of Pascal source code to be fed to the compiler.

The Programs

The programs in the Alcor Pascal system work well. The Editor is a full-screen text editor. It is easy to use, although it is a little slow. I preferred to use my Newsprint word processor to enter the Pascal programs, but for those without such a word processor, the Editor will come in handy.

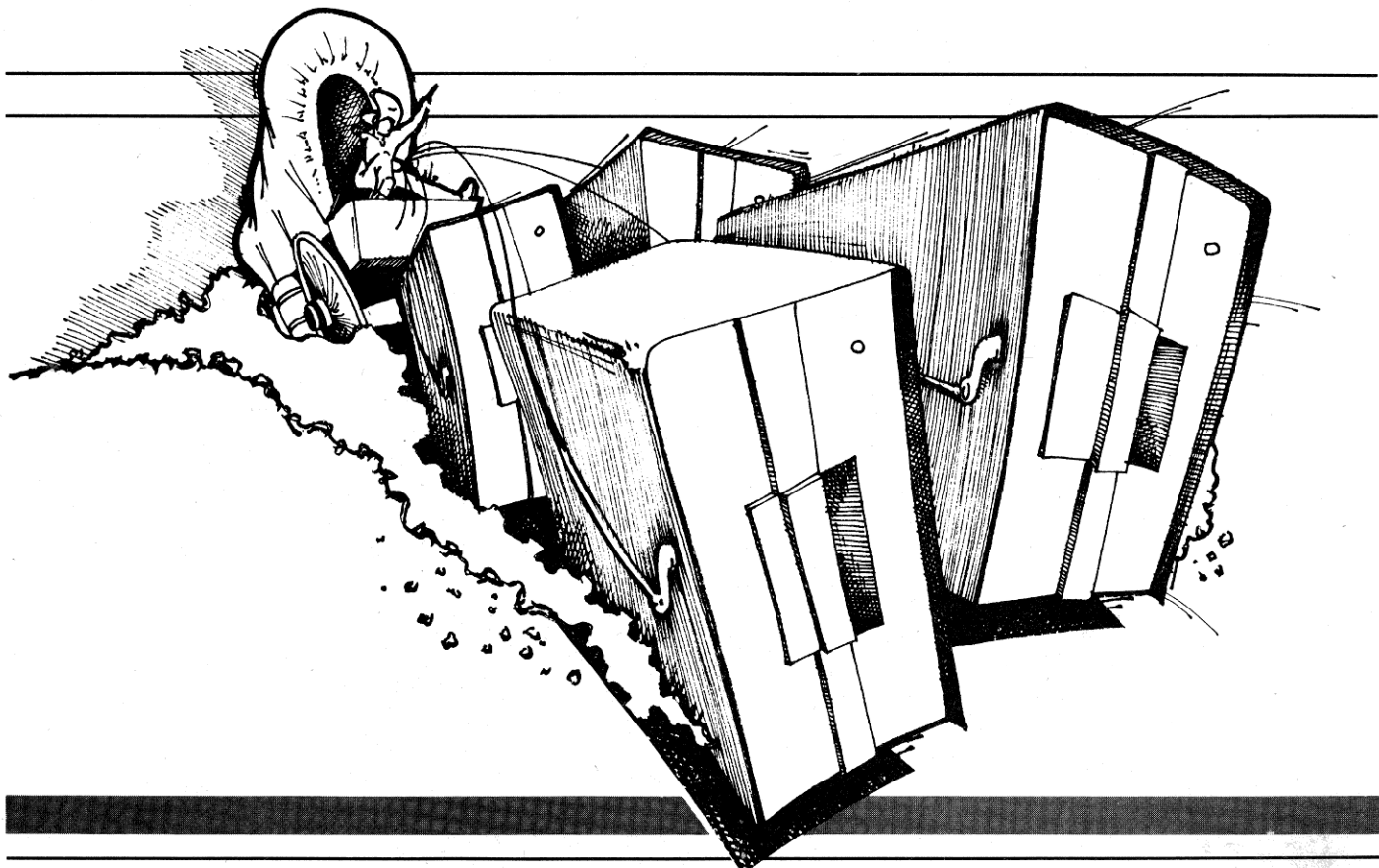
The Editor commands can be accessed by either entering a command

mode or by hitting certain predefined key sequences. The Editor supports quite a few options, such as full cursor movement (including tabbing right and left; scrolling up, down, left, or right; moving cursor to top of screen; and moving cursor to beginning or end of line), text deletion and insertion, and global modifications (including splitting and merging program lines, and searching and replacing strings). You can also insert special characters like hex 7B and 7D (curly brackets, which are used to enclose comments).

Editor allows you to edit new or old programs, and the maximum size of your data file is limited to the free space on a single disk. Editor has an on-line help menu for any topic. Editor provides a useful environment for the Pascal program development.

The other programs of note are the compiler, the linking loader, and the run-time module. The compiler comes in two formats. The first format is a single program that compiles your source program into a compact format called p-code or pseudo-code. Pseudo-code is much more compact than the original program and executes much faster than Basic. The Advanced Development Package, described later, can take this code and optimize it (reducing it in size by 20 percent to 30 percent) or generate true Z80 machine code, which executes even faster than the p-code.

The second format breaks up the compiler into several programs that use a common overlay area. This permits much more room for the symbol table generated by your source program during the compile process, thereby allowing much larger programs to be compiled. The efficiency of the compiler and the compactness of the code is demonstrated by the fact that the compiler



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itself is written in Pascal. It consists of over 8,500 lines of source code—and it still can execute in a 48K machine.

It is simple to compile a Pascal program. After you have written your program, you can execute the compiler in either of two ways. The first way is by executing the DOS command Pascal Filespec, where Filespec is the source-code program to compile. Here, the compiler searches for FILESPEC/PCL, sends the listing to the screen, and sends the object code the file FILESPEC/PCL. Using the second format of Pascal, you will be asked for the names of the source and object-code files, and will be asked where to direct the listing.

Alcor Pascal has three default-device definitions that can be used. ':L' sends the listing to the line printer, ':C' or Enter sends the listing to the screen, and ':D' is a dummy device, used to discard output. Alternatively, you can output the listing to a disk file by specifying the name of the file. These default devices are available for all outputs from the Alcor Pascal system, including the compiler, linker, and compiled programs.

The ability to route the output of the program is handy not only for program execution, but also for looking at the

compile process for errors. If many errors occur, printing the listing that is created during the compile process gives you a complete error listing with notes and arrows indicating the exact place each one occurred. Then you can take the printout and edit your source code to remove the errors.

The compiler uses a single-pass, recursive-descent parser that operates quickly. Variable names can be eight characters in length and use the same amount of space regardless of length. This is handy, so you can use long variable names, to aid the readability of your programs. How many times have you wondered what QZ was? Now, you can use a descriptive label, such as Total, Result, or Seedcost for variables without increasing the size of the program and without increasing its run-time. Variables can include the characters "\$" and "." in their names.

The compiler supports several options. There are compiler directives that tell the compiler to use double precision for all real numbers, or change the behavior of looping variables, conditional compilation, to disable code generation (used to build libraries), and more.

It is nice to have double precision, but the manual does not state that the tran-

scendental functions are single precision regardless of the declared precision. This is because Alcor Pascal uses ROM routines wherever possible, and they are single precision for these functions. Of course, with Alcor Pascal you can create libraries with your double-precision transcendental subroutines and link them with your compiled programs as desired.

Conditional compilation is very helpful for program development. It allows you to specify a Boolean variable and use the value of this variable to control the compilation of parts of the source code. For example, you can have debugging routines throughout your source code that you do not want to be in the compiled program after the program is debugged. One way to get rid of them is to remove each occurrence of the debugging code. With Alcor Pascal you can preface each debugging routine with a conditional compilation statement and by changing the value of a single variable at the start of your program, you can eliminate all the debugging code from the final compiled program. Once you get used to using this kind of debugging procedure, it is sorely missed in other languages.

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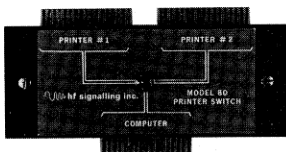
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The run-time module contains all the machine-language subroutines needed to interpret and execute the p-code instructions. If desired, the linking loader can create a command file so that a separate run-time module is not needed. Generally, you will have a compiled program on disk with the file extension /OBJ if created by the compiler, /OPT if processed by the Optimizer, and /COD if turned into native machine code by CODEGEN (more on the latter two programs later in the section on the Advanced Development Package). To run these files, execute the command line RUN filespec <stack>. The file-spec names the compiled object code file to be executed. The stack parameter is optional, and specifies the amount of stack space allocated to the program.

When the program terminates, the memory location at termination and the amount of stack and heap space are displayed.

The Language

Alcor Pascal is a complete implementation of Jensen and Wirth Pascal plus many enhancements. In order to appreciate the enhancements, you must understand a little bit about standard Pascal.

Pascal was developed to be a beginner's language and approaches programming differently than Basic. It lends itself to writing readable programs and many programming problems that seem difficult in Basic are easier in Pascal.

When you write a Pascal program, it is not a collection of GOSUBs and GOTOs. It uses named functions and procedures to perform tasks. Thus, Pascal aids the conceptual development of a programming task. To program in Pascal, you can use either top-down or bottom-up style. In top-down programming, you develop the main program first and use black boxes called procedures and functions and build the program from the overall program into smaller and smaller problems, solving

each one at a time. In bottom-up programming, you decide what pieces you need and build them, and work your way up to the overall program.

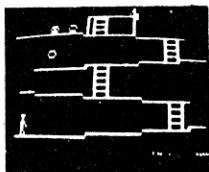
In either case, it is better than the usual blustering bombshell approach taken by many Basic programmers. Pascal allows you to develop the problem conceptually and then allows you to easily translate the conceptual solutions into procedures and functions. That is why Pascal is called a procedure-oriented language. So the difference between Pascal and Basic is primarily one of philosophy.

Pascal has other niceties, too. You can define your own variable types, such as Color = (Red, Black, Blue). A powerful data type is the Record. In Basic, if you have a data base with customer's name, age, address, and so on, the typical procedure would be to store them in separate arrays; use a string array for the names, an integer array for the age, another string array for the address, and so on. In Pascal, you can define Record to contain all the data. You might think of it as a more general-purpose type of array.

Pascal has several looping constructs, whereas Basic has only one: the For...Next loop. In Pascal, you can have

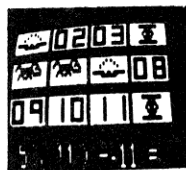
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For...Next, Repeat...Until, and While. Almost all jumping constructs, like GOTO, can be replaced with these. One thing I don't like about Pascal's For...Next loop is that the only variable type allowed for the loop is integer, and you can only increment (or decrement) by one. This is more than made up for by the other looping constructs, however.

Pascal also has more conditional statements. Not only is there the ever-popular If...Then, but there is also Case, which allows you to easily direct program flow when a number of conditions exist. A major fault of standard Pascal is that if none of the cases is met, the program will bomb. Alcor does it right, and includes an Otherwise clause to take care of all other cases to keep the program from bombing.

Another thing I don't like about standard Pascal is the pedantry of the language. For example, if you have an integer variable A and a real variable B, you cannot just set B := A, because they are different types. You must use a transfer function to move the values. Alcor Pascal allows you to cross-type your variables and use an assignment statement to move the value from one type of variable to another. You can readily cross-

type from Integer to Real, but you cannot easily cross-type Real with Pointer.

Although a few Disk Basics (such as MULTIDOS's Superbasic) support dynamic variables, microcomputers generally lack it. Typically, once a variable or an array is created, it sits around in the variable table and in memory taking up room, even though you may need the space for something else. You can Clear the variables, but you cannot delete a single array, or just a few strings. Pascal lets you do just that.

You can request a new storage location for a variable by invoking the Pascal procedure New. The procedure Dispose frees that memory. It does this through the use of a special variable type called Pointer. This is useful when you don't know ahead of time the amount of memory that a program will require. Also, you can use these pointer variables to link a list of items (which may be any variable type), creating a linked list.

The memory space used by New and Dispose is called the Heap. The rest of nonprotected memory is used by the stack. You can specify the relative amounts of Heap and Stack used by the program at run time by entering RUN filespec <stack>. The stack informa-

tion is optional. The default is to use half the free memory for the stack and the other half for the heap. If you don't use much heap, then you might want to let the stack have more of the free memory space.

Alcor Pascal supports TRS-80 graphics functions PEEK and POKE, INKEY\$, and INP, OUT, easy access to machine-language subroutines, plus a full complement of string functions. The graphics routine has what I consider to be a small bug, although the systems programmer I talked to at Alcor disagrees with that assessment. If you set a point on the screen and the screen has not been cleared with ClearGraphics, then spurious points are also set besides the one you asked for. The fix for that is easy. You simply check the byte to see that it is in graphics mode before ORing in the new pixel to be set; if it is not, then stuff an 80H there and then proceed. However, the ClearGraphics command will work also.

The User function is similar to USR in Basic and passes the value to the HL register pair. Even better is the CALL\$ function that allows you to set all the registers from Pascal.

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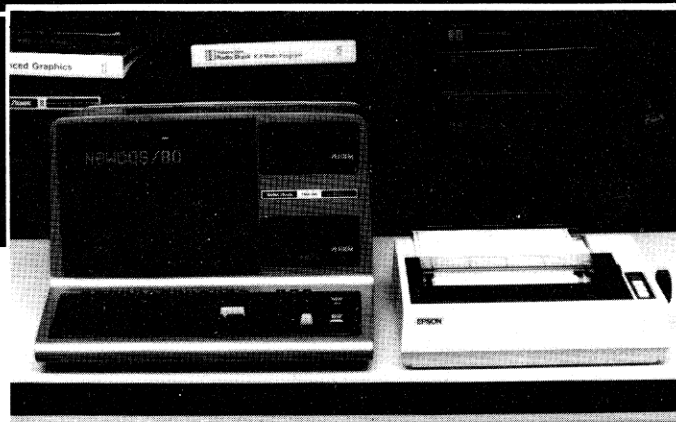
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from I/O and heap errors without the program crashing. This is one of the changes necessary to make Pascal a real programming language.

Alcor Pascal has all the string functions of familiar Disk Basic plus a few more, such as compare two strings, delete characters in the middle of a string, insert a substring into the middle of a string, and replace a substring in the middle of a string. For standard Basic programmers, these functions are great!

Advanced Development Package

The Advanced Development Package (ADP) is another incredibly useful tool for program development. It consists of two programs (Optimize and CODEGEN) and a data file.

Optimize takes your compiled p-code program and optimizes it for space. You will usually see an increase in speed of the program, but it is not generally that significant. For long programs (greater than 1,000 lines) or for programs that use a lot of space, this program can make the difference between having a working program and a failure.

CODEGEN performs essentially the same compaction as Optimize, but then goes on to produce native Z80 machine

code. Normally, this increases the size of the program by a factor of two or three, and speeds up the program by a factor of three to five. CODEGEN produces machine-language code, but it also produces Assembly-language source code if you wish. Unfortunately, the source code is in extended 8080 mnemonics.

One little trick that CODEGEN allows is that you can compile a dummy procedure and then CODEGEN it. Then take the object code output from your editor/assembler and insert it into the dummy procedure. The compiler and CODEGEN generate the appropriate addresses and provide the structure for easy insertion of machine-language routines that actually perform the function of the procedure.

Both these programs are great, but what about big, bulky programs? Often, in these types of programs, a small section of code is slowing down the rest of the program. Through the use of the linking loader, you can link CODEGENed files with Optimized files and have a small and much faster program. Remember that the linking loader allows you to create subroutine libraries and link the various parts of a program together. It turns out that through judi-

cious design, you can CODEGEN certain of your compiled modules, Optimize others, and use the linking loader to bring both together into a single application program. The net result of all this is that the Advanced Development Package lets you create smaller and faster versions of an already fast compiled program. If you program for a living, the Advanced Development Package is for you.

Alcor Pascal is an excellent implementation of an enhanced Pascal. It has an excellent manual, complete with a usable tutorial, reference guide, and system-implementation source. Alcor Pascal comes with its own full-screen text editor and linking loader. It has many important enhancements including graphics, port I/O, double-precision arithmetic, many string and other TRS-80 functions, plus patches to allow random-access records, and error trapping. This is the first serious Pascal I have seen. In terms of the power of the language, it is in the same league as Microsoft Basic, and is more efficient in a number of aspects. ■

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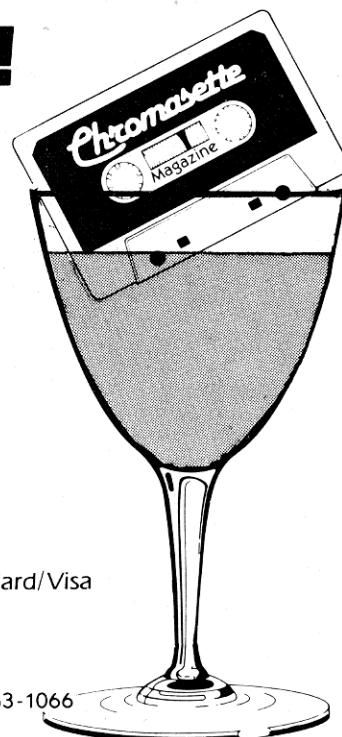
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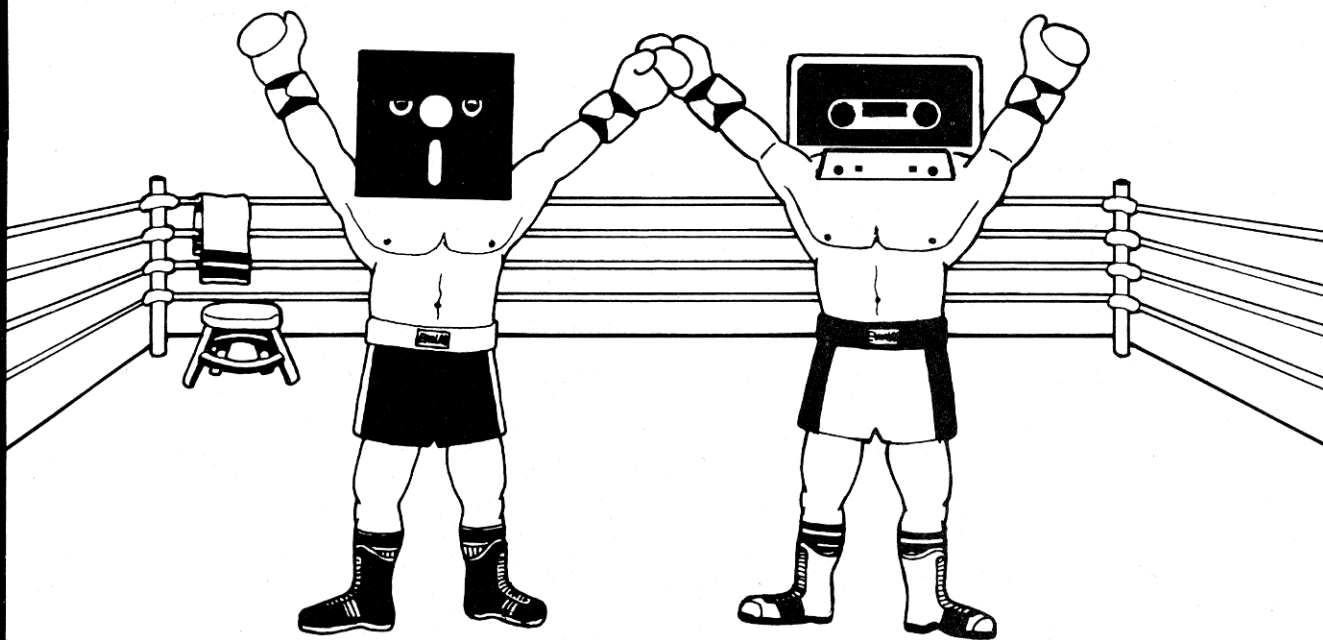
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How to Copyright

by Anthony T. Scarpelli

It's sad but true—some people have no qualms about using the results of your programming efforts for their own benefit, without compensating or even acknowledging you. You are the loser, of course, unless you protected those efforts. That's where copyrights come in.

I'll tell you a little about copyright, how to get the necessary forms, what to do with them, and show you what an easy process it is to get Uncle Sam to help protect the programs you write.

Your Rights with a Copyright

On January 1, 1978 the Copyright Act of 1976 (title 17 of the United States Code) came into effect. The first general revision of the law since 1909, this act defines copyright and the copyright system.

A bill (HR 6933) that became Public Law 96-517 in December 1980 amended title 17. Both the revision and the amendment had an enormous effect on computer programmers—now programs could be copyrighted. In addition, owners of programs are authorized to make copies if it is essential to the program or for archival purposes.

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You've worked hard on your program and you want to protect your code from theft, but how?

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Planetary Orbits

by Don Carrera

If you're interested in knowing a planet's location at some time in the past or future, use this program to calculate its position.

Here's a program that tells you the location of the planets so you don't have to look up their positions in the Astronomical Almanac. Would you like to find out where the planets will be several years from now? If so, you should enjoy this program. It finds planet positions from 1500 A.D. to 2460 A.D.

The results have to be compared against a source. When the positions of more than two bodies are needed, you can obtain accurate answers by solving a system of differential equations. For

our solar system, you'll need at least nine equations, one for each planet. Usually, you'll need to solve more equations, because some of the larger asteroids are included. In addition, the Earth should be represented as the Earth-moon system, with its center of gravity located about 3,000 miles away from the true center of Earth. The sun and planets should not be modeled as spheres but as ellipsoids.

Solving this system requires more than the 16K of memory for a Basic program. A home computer would be slow at getting results, too. It's slow because to find a planet's position at any time, you must find its position at all intervening times. So, to find Jupiter's position in 1750 A.D., you have to find

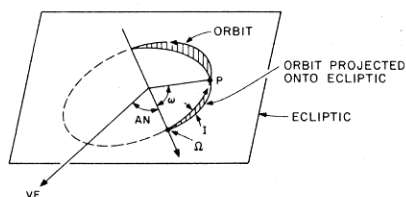
where it was in 1981, 1980, 1979, and so on, preferably at 1-10 day intervals. That makes for a lot of computing.

Solutions to these equations have been done on large computers, going backward and forward hundreds of thousands of years. These solutions give near-term accuracies (tens to hundreds of years) of .0000001 degrees in longitude for the inner planets. *Mutual Occultations of Planets: 1557 to 2230* provides the positions for several different planets at widely spaced times. It gives an exact time for the location of two planets when seen from the Earth. I have checked planet locations from this program against data in the Astronomical Almanac (formerly Ephemeris) for various dates in 1935, 1953, 1963, 1971, 1980, and 1981.

The Comet Halley Handbook, an Observer's Guide gives positions for Halley's comet from 1981 to 1987. I used it to check my calculations. For dates within a few years of 1982, program errors are less than .2 degrees in heliocentric longitude for the planets.

Orbit Theory

The plane of Earth's orbit around the sun is called the ecliptic. It provides the reference plane for determining a planet's heliocentric latitude. The point



- P—Planet at perihelion
- I—Inclination
- VE—Vernal equinox
- AN—Longitude of ascending node, measured in plane of ecliptic
- ω —argument of perihelion, measured in the orbit plane
- PER—Longitude of perihelion
- Ω —Ascending node; intersection of orbit with the ecliptic going from south to north of the ecliptic

Fig. 1. Orbit Elements

Planet	Degree of Error
Mercury	.023
Venus	.028
Mars	.019
Jupiter	.010
Saturn	.008
Uranus	.007
Neptune	.007
Pluto	.008

Table 1. The combined maximum degree of error for the four types of errors.

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at which the sun appears to cross Earth's orbit is the vernal equinox. This is the zero reference point for measuring heliocentric longitude. The distance of a planet from the sun is given in terms of astronomical units. An astronomical unit is the mean distance of Earth from the sun and equals about 92.9 million miles.

If the sun and only one other planet existed, that planet's orbit would be an ellipse. Since more than one planet exists, the true orbit is a "bumpy" ellipse. Not only does the sun attract planet A, but planet B also attracts planet A, with the sun's attraction being stronger. The resulting is considered an ellipse with many small bumps or perturbations.

To completely describe a body's position in space, you need six constants. Three constants determine the body's position in its own orbit. Three other constants show the orientation of the orbit with respect to the chosen coordinate system.

The orbit in space is defined by its inclination to the ecliptic, the longitude of the ascending node, and the longitude of perihelion (see Fig. 1). The inclination is measured in degrees and is positive if the planet orbits in the same direction as Earth. The ascending node refers to the intersection of a planet's orbit with the ecliptic. Since the orbit is a circle and the ecliptic is a plane, the two intersect in only two points. One point, the ascending node, occurs when the planet travels from below the ecliptic to above it. At the other point, the descending node, the planet is traveling from above the ecliptic to below.

Eccentricity, the semi-major axis, and the mean anomaly are needed to locate the planet in its orbit. (See the sidebar and Figs. 2a and 2b.) The mean anomaly varies from 0-360 degrees and is not "constant." You can find it by using two other constants: the mean daily motion (N) and the time when the planet passed its perihelion point (TPP).

To find the mean anomaly (MA), multiply the planet's mean daily motion by the number of days since it was at its previous perihelion:

$$MA = N * (JD - TPP)$$

JD (Julian day) is the day for which you want the planet's position. The time of perihelion passage is the Julian day of the most previous perihelion passage. In the program, I've used June 10, 1980, as my reference day, which has a Julian day number of 2444400.5. The perihelion passage for Mercury for example, is May 17, 1980, at 6:29 a.m., correspond-

ing to Julian day 2443976.770.

If Mercury is at its perihelion point, then the mean anomaly of Mercury is zero degrees by definition. In that case, JD will be the same as TPP. (Don't confuse this zero-degree reference with the zero reference point for measuring a planet's longitude. For Mercury to be at the zero-degree longitude position, it would have to be located at the vernal equinox.) No planet has its perihelion at the vernal equinox at this time. The above method for finding the mean anomaly works well if you know a planet's previous perihelion time. The method isn't good if you want one formula to cover a long time period. Remember, the other planets are attracting Mercury, changing its perihelion.

About every 88 days, Mercury passes through perihelion at a slightly different point, so you must make a correction to the calculation of the mean anomaly.

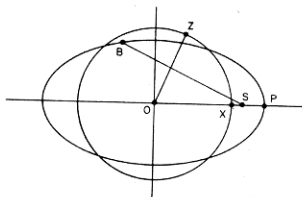
$$MA = N * (JD - DPP) - (DP - 1.3965) * DJ$$

Specifically for Mercury:

$$M = 4.0923388 * (JD - 24443976.770) - (1.5555 - 1.3965) * TJ$$

TJ is the number of centuries between June 10, 1980, and the Julian day of interest. The difference of .159 degrees (1.5555-1.3965) is the real advance of Mercury's perihelion in degrees per century. With this correction, keep TPP as a fixed number (see Fig. 3).

Since I'm trying to solve for planet positions using a closed formula, the constants to which I refer must be modified with time to maintain their accuracy. The constants are the primary approximations to the true value of a quantity. The first-order modifications that I showed for the mean anomaly apply in a similar manner to four of the constants. The perihelion passage (TPP) is a known number and will not



MA = Mean anomaly = angle XOZ $\approx 68^\circ$

TA = True anomaly = angle PSB $\approx 155^\circ$

s = Sun, at one focus of ellipse

B = Planet

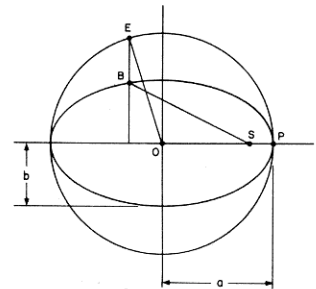
Area XOZX = Area PSBP by definition of mean anomaly

Eccentric of ellipse $\approx .81$

Fig. 2a Mean anomaly circle

change. Mercury, for example, really was at its closest point to the sun on May 17, 1980, at 6:29 a.m.

The mean daily motion (N) and semi-major axis (A) are constant over tens of thousands of years. No correction is made to them for the 900-year period of this program. The other four constants do change and can result in errors of



EA = Eccentric anomaly = angle POE $\approx 111^\circ$

TA = True anomaly = angle PSB $\approx 115^\circ$

Area POEP = Area PSPB by

$$\frac{\pi a^2}{\pi ab}$$

definition of eccentric anomaly

B = Planet

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a = Semi-major axis of orbit ellipse

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Fig. 2b Eccentric anomaly circle

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heliocentric longitude if corrections aren't made.

The longitude of the ascending node and the longitude of perihelion change by over one degree per century. The changes in eccentricity and inclination are smaller, but you must consider them.

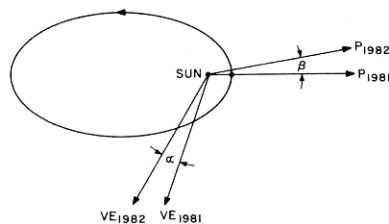
The large changes in the ascending node and perihelion result from a change in the position of the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox changes because of the precession of Earth on its axis. The moon's orbit is inclined about five degrees toward Earth's equator. Since Earth is not a perfect sphere, the moon's orbital inclination causes an uneven torque on the spinning earth. Earth precesses, or slowly changes, the direction in which its axis points. The vernal equinox is tied to a coordinate system centered on the earth's axis and equator, so our reference zero shifts slightly from year to year. It changes by 1.3965 degrees per century.

Imagine that the gravitational pull of the other planets doesn't change the perihelion of planet A. The perihelion would still change each year because of the shift of the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox was established as a reference point thousands of years ago, and it's doubtful a stationary reference will be agreed upon soon. You just have to account for precession, and this is easy to do.

The Program

See Table 3 for an index to the program sections. Here I'll explain the computing algorithms.

Run the program, and a brief description appears on the screen. Press any key to continue. You must select the coordinate system you want. Type 1 if you want heliocentric; type 2 if you want geocentric. Then, enter the year. It must be between 1500 and 2460 and must be a



VE₁₉₈₂ & VE₁₉₈₁ = Vernal equinox for 1982, 1981
P₁₉₈₂ & P₁₉₈₁ = Perihelion for 1982, 1981
α = precession change of VE = 1.3956° per century

β = real perihelion change due to gravitational attraction of other planets. Exact value depends on the planet.

DP = α + β. DP is data in the program.

Fig. 3. Precession and Perihelion changes

whole number. Next enter the month (an integer from 1-12). Finally, enter the day; this can have up to two decimal places. For example, 3.25 means 6:00 a.m. on the third day of the month, Greenwich Mean Time. If you want local time, you have to make the conversion yourself. For example, 3.25 would be 1:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Heliocentric Calculation

All planet data is read in line 920. Lines 930-960 convert the constants for June 10, 1980, to the correct values for

the Julian day of interest. To find the heliocentric coordinates, calculate the mean anomaly, using JD, TPP and N.

$$MA = (N * (JD - TPP) - (DP - 1.3965) * TJ) / K2$$

Then, find the eccentric anomaly. Kepler's Equation, relating eccentric to mean anomaly, is:

$$MA = EA - ECC * \sin(EA)$$

You must rearrange this equation and

Definitions

Terms

Celestial Equator: Coplanar with Earth's equator. It is the zero reference plane for geocentric declination.

Declination (CL): The angular distance from the plane of Earth's equator to a planet. The highest value is for Pluto, whose declination will vary from -40.5 to +40.5 degrees over its 248-year orbit.

Eccentric Anomaly (EA): An intermediate angle for finding orbits. It is angle POE in Figure 2b.

Eccentricity (ECC and EICC): Measure of the deviation of the true orbit from a circle. If eccentricity is one, the orbit is a parabola, and is not a closed orbit. The eccentricity of Halley's comet is very near one, so that its orbit is a highly elongated ellipse. Earth's eccentricity is near zero, so its orbit is almost circular.

Ecliptic: The plane of Earth's orbit. Zero reference for heliocentric latitudes.

Inclination (I and II): The angle that a body's orbit makes with the ecliptic. Inclinations are positive if the body orbits in the same direction as Earth, and are negative if the body orbits in the opposite direction. Halley's comet has a -17.5 degree inclination.

Julian day (JD): Noon on January 1, 4713 B.C., has been defined as the start of day number one for astronomical purposes. The Julian day number for a particular date is the number of days that have passed since January 1, 4713 B.C. The Julian day for the start of the day June 10, 1980, is

2444400.5; noon on June 10, 1980, is 2444401.0.

Longitude of the Ascending Node (AN and AIN): The angle, measured from the vernal equinox, at which the planet's orbit intersects the ecliptic. The planet must be going from below the ecliptic to above the ecliptic.

Longitude of Perihelion (PER and PIER): The angle, measured from the vernal equinox, at which the planet is closest to the sun. It is measured from the vernal equinox to the longitude of the ascending node along the ecliptic, then in the orbit plane from the longitude of the ascending node to perihelion. It is the sum of two angles measured in different planes.

Mean Anomaly (MA): The angle, measured from the planet's perihelion, to the sun, and back to the planet's position, that would be described if the planet moved in a circular orbit of radius less than the semi-major axis. (See Fig. 2a.) I use two other constants (mean daily motion and time of perihelion passage) to calculate mean anomaly, since the mean anomaly changes rapidly. For Earth, the mean anomaly varies from 0-360 degrees every 365.25 days. For Mercury, the mean anomaly varies from 0-360 degrees every 88 days.

Mean Daily Motion (N): The average number of degrees that a planet moves around the sun during each 24-hour day. The value ranges from over four degrees per day for Mercury to less than .004 degrees per day for Pluto.

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$$EA = MA + ECC * \sin(MA)$$

Then an intermediate angle M0 is found in line 990.

$$M0 = EA - ECC * \sin(EA)$$

A correction to the estimate for EA is made using MA and M0.

$$DL = (MA - M0) / (1 - ECC * \cos(EA))$$

This difference is added to EA to yield a new value for EA.

$$EA = EA + DL$$

If DL is less than .0001 radians, the iteration continues, going back to line 990. Two iterations are all that are needed for the planets; Halley's comet may require up to five iterations since its eccentricity is so near to 1. Once EA is found, the distance from the sun is found in line 1030.

$$R(B) = A * (1 - ECC * \cos(EA))$$

The formula above is derived from the properties of an ellipse. You can now find the true anomaly (true angle) of a planet.

$$TA = 57.295 * 2 * \text{ATN} \left(\left[\frac{1 + ECC}{1 - ECC} \right]^{1/2} * \tan(EA/2) \right)$$

As this formula shows, if the eccentricity is zero, the true anomaly equals the eccentric anomaly. Another intermediate number, the argument of latitude (U), is then calculated. Finding U lets you make a small correction in the heliocentric longitude as a result of a planet's orbit inclination.

$$U = TA + \text{PER} - \text{AN}$$

The value of U must be brought within the range of 0-360 degrees. Then you can find the longitude L(B).

$$L(B) = \text{AN} + 57.295 * \text{ATN}(\cos(I)) * \tan(U)$$

This is the heliocentric longitude that is printed out after it is brought within 0-360 degrees. Notice in the equation for L(B) that if the inclination is small, COS(I) is approximately 1, and L(B) could be approximated as:

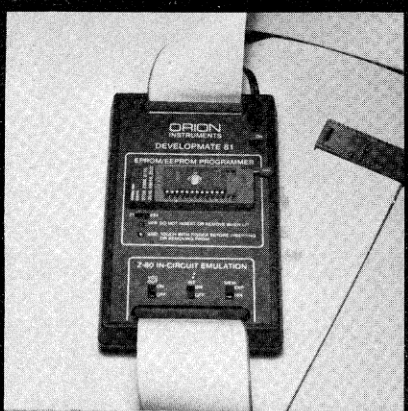
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Fig. 4. Heliocentric printout

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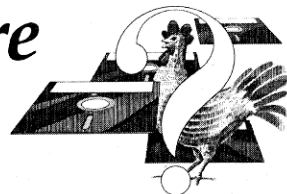
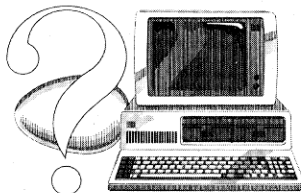
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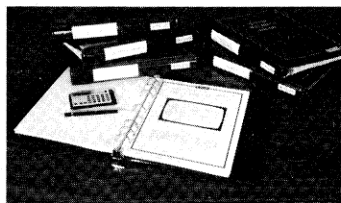
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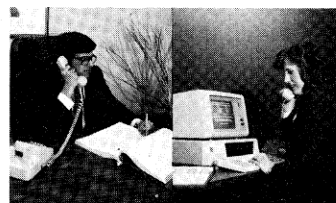
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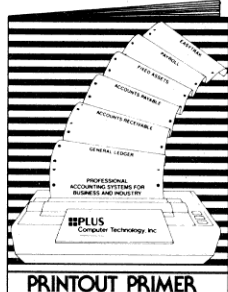


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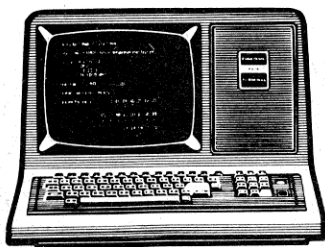
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$$\text{SIN}(\text{LAT}) = \text{SIN}(I) * \text{SIN}(U)$$

Since Basic doesn't have the inverse sine function, you need lines 1150-1160 to get the inverse tangent.

$$\text{LAT}(B) = \text{ATN}(X1 / \text{SQR}(1 - X1 * X1))$$

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printed. Figure 4 shows the heliocentric printout.

Geocentric Coordinates

The calculation of geocentric coordinates uses the results of the heliocentric coordinate calculation. The obliquity (Earth's tilt) is found for the day of interest in line 1420. Then the rectangular coordinates of Earth with respect to the sun are found in lines 1430-1450. This is merely a trigonometric transformation. Lines 1480-1500 find the rectangular coordinates of each planet with respect to the sun. With these equations, you

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Orbital Elements: The six "constants" required to describe a body's orbit in space.

Perihelion: Point of planet's closest approach to the sun.

Right Ascension (RA, RAH and RAM): The position of a planet relative to the vernal equinox. Usually it is given in hours and minutes, but it can be listed in degrees. One hour of right ascension equals 15 degrees.

Semi-major axis (A): The average distance of a planet from the sun.

Time of Perihelion Passage (TPP): The Julian day of the planet's last closest approach to the sun before June 10, 1980. TPP introduces the time variable into the equations.

True Anomaly (TA): The actual angle measured from perihelion, to the sun, and back to the planet in its true orbit.

Vernal equinox: The zero reference point for longitudes in the heliocentric and geocentric coordinate systems. Its location is determined when the apparent orbit of the sun around Earth crosses the equator from south to north. It moves each year, because of precession, at the rate of .013965 degrees. Usually called the equinox.

Coordinate Systems

Heliocentric: This coordinate system has the center of the sun as the origin. Distance of the planets from the sun is given in astronomical units (AU). Longitude is measured in degrees from the vernal equinox. Latitude is measured in degrees north or south of the ecliptic,

which is the plane described by Earth's orbit around the sun.

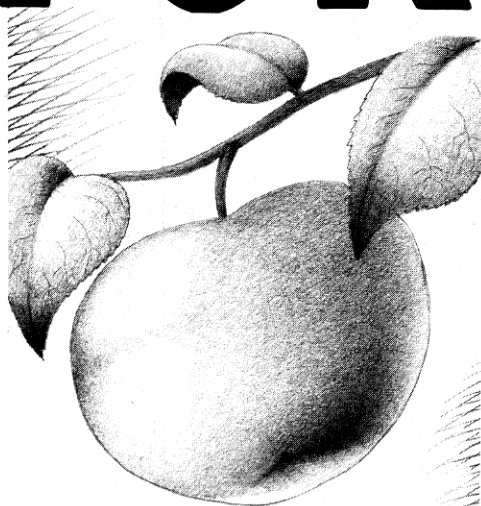
Geocentric: This coordinate system has the center of Earth as the origin. Distance of the planets from Earth is given in AU. Right ascension is given in hours and minutes measured from the vernal equinox. Declination is measured in degrees north or south from the plane described by Earth's equator.

Alt-Azimuth (altitude-azimuth): System based on seeing from your location. The horizon is taken as a reference. The altitude of a body is measured above or below the horizon. Plus or minus 90 degrees are the maximum values allowed. A negative altitude means that the body is below the horizon and so is not visible. To illustrate, the sun has a negative altitude at night. At sunrise or sunset, the sun's altitude is zero. Azimuth is measured from true north (0-360 degrees maximum). This system is a trigonometric transformation of the geocentric system.

Planetocentric: This system has the center of any planet as the origin. It is the general case of the geocentric coordinate system. For example, if you use the correct elements, you can determine how the solar system looks from Mars.

Topocentric: This system is a refined geocentric system. It takes into account the fact that you are located 4,000 miles from the center of Earth when viewing the planets. This makes a small change in the viewing angle. Strictly speaking, alt-azimuth coordinates should be found from the topocentric and not from the geocentric coordinates. The errors are small, and I have neglected them. ■

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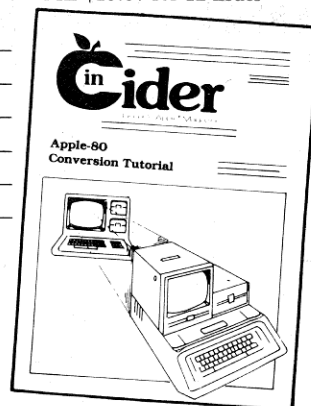
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know the distance and angle of Earth and each planet with respect to the sun. The program then solves for planet location with respect to Earth, again using trigonometry, a relatively simple procedure.

DS in line 1540 is the distance in three-dimensional space between Earth and another planet. ZO in line 1550 is the inverse sine of the declination. The declination CL(B) is found by using the ATN function again. RA(B) in line 1570 is the ATN of the planet's Y-coordinate divided by its X-coordinate. Since right ascension is usually given in hours and minutes, conversion from degrees to hours/minutes is done in lines 1660-1720.

CL(B) and RA(B) in lines 1640-1650 are used only if you want to refer the RA and declination to a different year. For instance, most comet orbits are referred to the year 1950 or 2000 as a standard astronomical practice. Figure 5 shows the geocentric printout.

Alt-Azimuth Coordinates

Alt-azimuth coordinates are found in lines 1880-2060. Type in your latitude and longitude. I arbitrarily limited latitudes to less than 65 degrees north or

south. The value can be changed to 90 degrees. Longitudes are limited to plus or minus 180 degrees.

LST is the local sidereal time in line 1960. This is an important number for finding the hour angle HRA in line 1990. Sidereal time and hour angle relate the rotation of Earth to the background of stars. Any star rises and sets at the same sidereal time every day. The hour angle is necessary for finding the azimuth angle.

Lines 2000-2030 are the spherical trigonometric transformations from geocentric to alt-azimuth coordinates. Proper quadrant corrections need to be made in lines 2040-2060, so that azimuth is printed from 0-360 degrees.

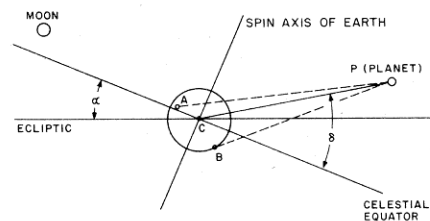
Accuracy and Errors

This program has six sources of error: nutation; planetary aberration; parallax; Earth-moon system; dropping of squared and higher-order terms; and gravitational perturbations.

The first four affect viewing from Earth. They do not affect any planet's true heliocentric position.

Geocentric Errors

Nutation is a slight wobble in Earth's



α = obliquity of ecliptic

δ = declination

A = center of gravity of earth-moon system. Origin for differential equation solution.

B = point on Earth's surface from which you look. Origin for topocentric coordinate system.

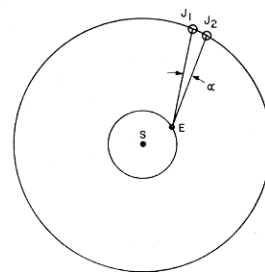
C = center of Earth. Origin for the program's geocentric coordinate system.

As explained in the text, alt-azimuth coordinates are transforms from the geocentric. They should be transformed from the topocentric coordinates. Alt-azimuth coordinates are therefore in error by angle BPC, which is less than .009°.

Fig. 6. Parallax and coordinates system errors

axis caused by the moon. It is much smaller than precession. Nutation occurs because the orbit plane of the moon is tilted about five degrees toward the plane of Earth's equator, and the orbit is elliptical. Error due to nutation is about .006 degrees in right ascension and declination. The error is nearly the same for all the planets.

The moon also causes another type of error. Earth and the moon must be considered a double planet. The true center of gravity of the Earth-moon system is located about 3,000 miles from Earth's center. Earth swings around this point, and the planets are shifted a slight amount. Maximum error is about .007 degrees for Venus in right ascension. This error occurs at Venus's closest approach to Earth, about 26 million miles. The smallest errors, about .0001 degrees, are for Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. (See Fig. 6.)



S = SUN

E = Earth at time t

J₁ = Jupiter at time t

J₂ = Jupiter at time (t-40 minutes) as seen from Earth.

α = angular error, $\leq .003^\circ$ for Jupiter

Fig. 7. Planetary Aberration

Planet	Maximum Error in degrees	Average Error in degrees
Mercury	.05	.02
Venus	.07	.03
Earth	.07	.04
Mars	.15	.06
Mars	.15	.06
Jupiter	.46	.20
Saturn	1.10	.51

Table 2. Maximum and Average Errors in Longitude due to Perturbations

Want geocentric coordinates for same date? Y/N			
equinox of date? Y/N			
Want referred to equinox of date? Y/N			
	Dist to Earth A.U.	RT Ascen. (HR/MIN)	Decl (DEG)
MER	1.31	19/28.5	-25.5
VEN	1.68	18/11.9	-24.1
MAR	1.96	20/25.4	-20.6
JUP	6.27	16/42.7	-18.9
SAT	10.32	14/0.9	-9.8
URA	19.85	16/16.7	-21.2
NEP	31.23	17/45.7	-22.2
PLU	30.47	14/10.5	4.6
HAL	9.82	6/58.8	9.5
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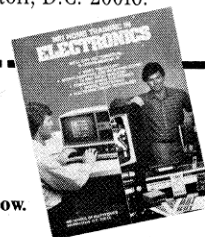
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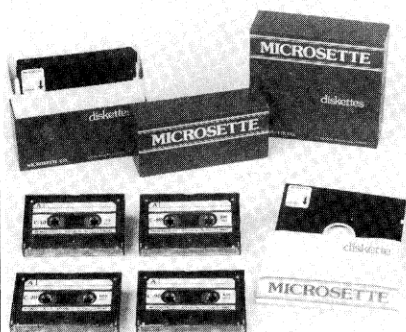
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Mercury down to a low of .001 degrees for the outer planets. (See Fig. 7).

Parallax arises because you look at the other planets from Earth's surface, while the heliocentric positions are calculated as if seen from Earth's center. On Earth's surface you can be displaced up to 4,000 miles one way or the other from its center. The errors range from .009 degrees in right ascension for Venus down to .0001 degrees for

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100 DEFDBL A,C-Z
110 CLS
120 PRINT "*****"

130 PRINT"                PLANETARY ORBITS"
140 PRINT "AUTHOR--DON CARRERA                COPYRIGHT 1981"
150 PRINT "*****"

160 'THE PROGRAM AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATES THE JULIAN DATE
170 'TPP IS THE TIME OF PERIHELION PASSAGE.
180 'ALL DATA IS GIVEN AS OF JUNE 10,1980.
190 'AN IS THE LONGITUDE OF THE ASCENDING NODE. PER IS THE LONG
    ITUDE OF PERIHELION. ECC IS THE ECCENTRICITY OF THE ORBIT. I IS
    THE ORBIT INCLINATION. A IS THE SEMI-MAJOR AXIS OF ORBIT. N IS
    THE DAILY MOTION OF PLANET IN DEGREES.
200 'DA,DP,DI ARE THE CHANGES IN AN,PER AND I IN DEGREES PER CEN
    TURY. DE IS CHANGE IN ECC PER CENTURY (DIMENSIONLESS).
210 'MA,EA,TA ARE MEAN ANOMALY, ECCENTRIC ANOMALY AND TRUE ANOM-
    ALY (RADIAN OR DEGREES).
220 'U IS THE ARGUMENT OF LATITUDE.
230 'RA IS RIGHT ASCENSION IN DEGREES; RH & RM ARE HOURS & MINUT
    ES OF RA.
240 'HRA IS HOUR ANGLE FOR CALCULATING ALT-AZIMUTH COORDINATES.
250 PRINT "THE PROGRAM CALCULATES PLANET POSITION IN SEVERAL COO
    RDINATE SY-STEMS FOR A GIVEN MONTH/DAY/YEAR. YOU MUST INPUT YOU
    R LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE FOR ALT-AZIMUTH COORDINATES."
260 PRINT
270 PRINT "YOU CHOOSE SUN-CENTERED (HELIOCENTRIC) COORDINATES OR
    EARTH-CEN-TERED (GEOCENTRIC) COORDINATES. GEOCENTRIC COORDINAT
    ES MUST BE FOUND BEFORE ALT-AZIMUTH COORDINATES ARE COMPUTED."
280 PRINT
290 PRINT "YOU MAY CHOOSE ANY DATE FROM 1500 A.D. TO 2460 A.D.":
    PRINT
300 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
310 IF INKEY$="" THEN 310
320 K2=57.295779
330 DIM H(13)
340 CLS
350 PRINT "WHICH COORDINATE SYSTEM DO YOU WANT?"
360 PRINT "(ALT-AZIMUTH MUST BE CALCULATED AFTER GEOCENTRIC)"
370 PRINT
380 INPUT "HELIOCENTRIC (1)      GEOCENTRIC (2)";CRD
390 IF CRD=1 OR CRD=2 THEN 400 ELSE 380
400 PRINT
410 PRINT "INPUT DATE: "
420 INPUT "YEAR IS :";YEAR
430 IF YEAR=0 THEN 440 ELSE 450
440 PRINT "THERE IS NO YEAR ZERO":GOTO 420
450 IF ABS(YEAR-1980)>480 THEN 470
460 IF YEAR<>INT (YEAR) THEN 420 ELSE 480
470 PRINT "TOO FAR AWAY":GOTO 420
480 PRINT
490 IF REP=1 THEN 500 ELSE 510
500 RESTORE
510 FOR B= 1 TO 13
520 READ H(B):NEXT B
530 IF (YEAR/4)-INT(YEAR/4)=0 THEN 540 ELSE 570
540 IF (YEAR/400)-INT(YEAR/400)=0 THEN 560
550 IF (YEAR/100)-INT(YEAR/100)=0 THEN 570
560 FOR B= 3 TO 13:H(B)=H(B)+1:NEXT B
570 INPUT"MONTH (JAN=1): ";MNTH
580 IF MNTH<1 OR MNTH>12 OR MNTH<>INT(MNTH) THEN 570
590 INPUT "DAY OF MONTH :";DY
600 IF DY>=1 AND DY<=(H(MNTH+1)-H(MNTH)+.99) AND ABS((DY*100)-IN
    T(DY*100+.99))<.001 THEN 610 ELSE 590
610 CLS
620 IF YEAR<0 THEN YEAR=YEAR+1
    
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640 LYR=INT((J0-1)/4)
650 JD=365*J0+LYR
660 IF YEAR<1582 THEN 720
670 IF YEAR=1582 AND((MNTH<10)OR (MNTH=10 AND DY<15)) THEN 720

680 JD=JD-10
690 YR1583=INT((YEAR-1501)/100)
700 LPYR1583=INT((YEAR-1201)/400)
710 JD=JD-YR1583+LPYR1583
720 JD=JD+DY+H(MNTH)-.5
730 IF YEAR<=0 THEN YEAR=YEAR-1
740 PRINT "JULIAN DAY IS ";JD;"      ";MNTH;" / ";DY;" / ";YEAR;"  G
MT"
750 TJ=(JD-2444400.5)/36525
760 IF CRD=2 THEN 800
770 PRINT "      DIST. TO SUN      HELIO LON.      HELIO LAT."
780 PRINT "      A.U.      (DEG)      (DEG)"
790 GOTO 910
800 GEO=0
810 PRINT
820 PRINT "WANT REFERRED TO EQUINOX OF DATE? Y/N"
830 GOSUB 2120
840 ON Q1 GOTO 850 ,880
850 INPUT "WHAT YEAR DO YOU WANT RESULTS REFERRED TO";Y1
860 K=Y1-YEAR:CRD=4
870 PRINT "RESULTS REFERRED TO YEAR ";Y1
880 PRINT "      DIST TO EARTH      RT ASCEN      DECLIN"
890 PRINT "      (A.U.)      (HR/MIN)      (DEG)"
900 IF GEO=1 THEN 1420
910 FOR B=1 TO 10
920 READ Z$(B),N,A,ELCC,I1,PLER,A1N,DA,DP,DE,DI,TPP
930 AN=A1
+DA*TJ
940 PER=PLER+DP*TJ
950 ECC=ELCC+DE*TJ
960 I=I1+DI*TJ
970 MA=(N*(JD-TPP)-(DP-1.3965)*TJ)/K2
980 EA=MA+ECC*SIN(MA)
990 M0=EA-ECC*SIN(EA)
1000 DL=(MA-M0)/(1-ECC*COS(EA))
1010 EA=EA+DL
1020 IF ABS(DL)>.0001 THEN 990
1030 R(B)=A*(1-ECC*COS(EA))
1040 TA=K2*2*ATN(SQR((1+ECC)/(1-ECC))*TAN(EA/2))
1050 U=TA+PER-AN
1060 IF U>0 THEN 1080
1070 U=U+360
1080 IF U>360 THEN U=U-360
1090 L(B)=AN+K2*ATN(COS(I/K2)*TAN(U/K2))
1100 IF U>90 THEN 1120
1110 GOTO 1140
1120 IF U>270 THEN L(B)=L(B)+360:GOTO 1140
1130 L(B)=L(B)+180
1140 IF L(B)>360 THEN L(B)=L(B)-360
1150 X1=SIN(I/K2)*SIN(U/K2)
1160 LAT(B)=ATN(X1/SQR(1-X1*X1))
1170 IF CRD=2 OR CRD=4 THEN 1190
1180 PRINT USING "% %      ###.##      ###.##
";Z$(B);R(B);L(B);LAT(B)*K2
1190 NEXT B
1200 IF CRD=2 OR CRD=4 THEN 1420
1210 DATA 0,31,59,90,120,151,181,212,243,273,304,334,365
1220 DATA MER,4.0923388,.387099,.205631,7.00437,77.1509,48.0994,
1.1852,1.5555,.00002,.002,2444376.770
1230 DATA VEN,1.60213,.723332,.006783,3.39444,131.2958,76.5038,.
8998,1.4080,-.00005,.001,2444323.110
1240 DATA EAR,.985609,1,.016717,0,102.6040,0,0,1.7192,-.00004,0,
2444242.321
1250 DATA MAR,.524033,1.52369,.093387,1.8498,335.6989,49.4066,.7
7099,1.8408,.00009,-.0007,2443951.049
1260 DATA JUP,.083091,5.2028,.0484687,1.3042,14.008,100.251,1.01
08,1.6111,.00016,-.006,2442636.0
1270 DATA SAT,.0334597,9.53884,.055614,2.4889,92.665,113.486,.87
306,1.9583,-.0003,-.004,2442078.0
1280 DATA URA,.011732,19.1818,.047262,.77194,170.34,73.90,.5111,
1.6250,.0003,.0006,2439384.2
1290 DATA NEP,.005981,30.058,.008590,1.7719,44.453,131.565,1.10
17,.8778,.0001,-.009,2408034.7
1300 DATA PLU,.003921,39.829,.25478,17.137,223.014,109.96,.8,1.5
,0,0,2355886.7
1310 DATA HAL,-.0130008,17.95,.9673,-17.5,306.9,60,3.3,1.6,0,0,2
418781.5
1320 IF CRD=2 OR CRD=4 THEN 1420
1330 PRINT "WANT GEOCENTRIC COORDINATES FOR SAME DATE? Y/N"
1340 GOSUB 2120
1350 ON Q1 GOTO 1380 ,1360

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Listing continues

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1360 GEO=1
1370 GOTO 810
1380 GOSUB 2110
1390 GOSUB 1810
1400 GOTO 340
1410 PRINT
1420 OBLIQ=(23.4419-.013*TJ)/K2
1430 XSUN=R(3)*COS((L(3)+180)/K2)
1440 YSUN=R(3)*SIN((L(3)+180)/K2)*COS(OBLIQ)
1450 ZSUN=R(3)*SIN((L(3)+180)/K2)*SIN(OBLIQ)
1460 FOR B=1 TO 10
1470 IF B=3 THEN 1740
1480 XP=R(B)*COS(LAT(B))*COS(L(B)/K2)
1490 YP=R(B)*(COS(LAT(B))*SIN(L(B)/K2)*COS(OBLIQ)-SIN(LAT(B))*SIN(OBLIQ))
1500 ZP=R(B)*(COS(LAT(B))*SIN(L(B)/K2)*SIN(OBLIQ)+SIN(LAT(B))*COS(OBLIQ))
1510 XT=XP+XSUN
1520 YT=YP+YSUN
1530 ZT=ZP+ZSUN
1540 DS=SQR(XT*XT+YT*YT+ZT*ZT)
1550 Z0=ZT/DS
1560 CL(B)=K2*ATN(Z0/SQR(1-Z0[2]))
1570 RA(B)=K2*ATN(YT/XT)
1580 IF XT>0 THEN 1610
1590 RA(B)=RA(B)+180
1600 GOTO 1630
1610 IF YT>0 THEN 1630
1620 RA(B)=RA(B)+360
1630 IF CRD=4 THEN 1640 ELSE 1680
1640 CL(B)=CL(B)+.005567*K*COS((RA(B)+.0064*K)/K2)
1650 RA(B)=RA(B)+.0128*K+.005567*K*SIN(RA(B)/K2)*TAN(CL(B)/K2)
1660 IF RA(B)<0 THEN RA(B)=RA(B)+360
1670 IF RA(B)>360 THEN RA(B)=RA(B)-360
1680 RH=INT(RA(B)/15)
1690 RM=(RA(B)/15-RH)*60
1700 IF RM<60 THEN 1730
1710 RH=RH+1
1720 RM=0
1730 PRINT USING"% %      ##.##      ##/##.##      ###.## "
;Z$(B);DS;RH;RM;CL(B)
1740 NEXT B
1750 PRINT "WANT ALT-AZIMUTH COORDINATES? Y/N"
1760 GOSUB 2120
1770 ON Q1 GOTO 1780,1870
1780 GOSUB 2110
1790 GOSUB 1810
1800 GOTO 340
1810 PRINT "WANT ANOTHER DAY? Y/N"
1820 GOSUB 2120
1830 ON Q1 GOTO 1860,1840
1840 REP=1
1850 RETURN
1860 STOP
1870 CLS
1880 Z8=(DY-INT(DY))*24
1890 INPUT "LATITUDE = ";ATAZ
1900 IF ABS(ATAZ)>65 THEN 1890
1910 INPUT "LONGITUDE = ";AZLN
1920 IF ABS(AZLN)>180 THEN 1910
1930 PRINT MNTH;" / ";DY;" / ";YEAR;" GMT"
1940 PRINT " " ALTITUDE AZIMUTH"
1950 PRINT " " (DEG) (DEG)"
1960 LST=17.2182+.0657093*(JD-2444400.5)+1.0027*Z8
1970 FOR B=1 TO 10
1980 IF B=3 THEN 2080
1990 HRA=(15*LST-RA(B)-AZLN)/K2
2000 Z9=SIN(CL(B)/K2)*SIN(ATAZ/K2)+COS(CL(B)/K2)*COS(ATAZ/K2)*COS(S(HRA))
2010 ALT=K2*ATN(Z9/SQR(1-Z9[2]))
2020 Z1=-COS(CL(B)/K2)*SIN(HRA)
2030 Z2=SIN(CL(B)/K2)*COS(ATAZ/K2)-COS(CL(B)/K2)*SIN(ATAZ/K2)*COS(S(HRA))
2040 MU=K2*ATN(Z1/Z2)
2050 IF Z2<0 THEN MU=MU+180
2060 IF MU<0 THEN MU=MU+360
2070 PRINT USING"% %      ##.##      ##.##";Z$(B);ALT;MU
2080 NEXT B
2090 GOSUB 1810
2100 GOTO 340
2110 FOR B=1 TO 100:NEXT B:RETURN
2120 A$=INKEY$
2130 IF A$="N" THEN Q1=1:GOTO 2160
2140 IF A$="Y" THEN Q1=2:GOTO 2160
2150 GOTO 2120
2160 RETURN

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These four types of errors displace the planets from their positions as calculated in relation to Earth. The errors could be zero for three of the four cases. That happens if you are at the right spot on Earth's surface, and the moon is in a "good" position (see Figs. 6 and 7). Planetary aberration always displaces the planets as seen from Earth. You can make corrections in the

program by allowing for the travel time of light when finding the heliocentric positions. (See References 3 and 5 for further explanation.)

Table 1 shows the combined maximum errors for each planet. These errors combine right ascension and declination. The program output lists right ascension to .1 arc minutes, which corresponds to about .025 degrees. The four error terms give an error of plus or

minus .1 arc minutes in right ascension.

Heliocentric Errors

In finding the heliocentric positions, I approximated the true variations of the orbit elements by a straight line. For example, in line 950:

$$ECC = E1CC + DE * TJ$$

This means that the eccentricity at any time (ECC) equals the eccentricity on June 10, 1980 (E1CC), plus the rate of change of eccentricity per century (DE), times the number of centuries from June 10, 1980 (TJ). Including terms that use the variable "time" (in this case TJ) to the second power would give a better approximation:

$$ECC = E1CC + DE * TJ + DDE * TJ * TJ$$

This requires more data to be listed; you need DDE for all 10 planets. Since the program has ample room, you could easily do this. By using only first powers of time and going back 480 years, maximum errors of about .02 degrees in true longitude occur for Jupiter and Saturn. The further back in history you go, the greater the error becomes.

Line 100—Many of the constants require more than six-digit accuracy, TPP in particular. The counter B must not be double precision.

410-600—Date input with checkpoints. H(B) is the counter for the day of the year, corrected for leap years.

620-730—Julian day calculation. It is correct for any year from 4713 B.C. onward.

750—TJ is the number of centuries between the Julian day of interest and June 10, 1980 (JD = 2444400.5).

820-870—Select results referred to the vernal equinox of the date entered, or referred to the position of the vernal equinox of another year.

910-1190—Calculates the heliocentric coordinates. Need to get results in the proper quadrant due to use of the arc tangent (ATN) function.

1220-1310—Data for the planets and Halley's comet.

1420-1740—Calculates geocentric coordinates; lines 1640-1650 find the right ascension and declination if you want results referred to a different year. Heliocentric coordinates must be found before geocentric.

1880-2080—Calculates alt-azimuth coordinates. Geocentric coordinates must be found before alt-azimuth coordinates.

Table 3. Program Explanation

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I assumed that orbit elements changed linearly. In fact, they don't. They vary in a cyclical, nonrepetitive manner, with periods of a few years to tens of thousands of years. Over a short time, a linear approximation is adequate, but it becomes less accurate with a time span.

The last error term results from the gravitational perturbations on each planet by the other planets. If enough of these error terms are included, the true heliocentric positions can be found for any time. The problem is how to find these terms and how many to include.

The terms' values are listed in astronomy texts, usually under the name "perturbation theory." *Astronomical Formulae for Calculators* includes an excellent presentation of perturbation terms. These terms can be called long-period terms, and you should include about 100 of them. I didn't include perturbation terms in the program because of the extra time and memory they require.

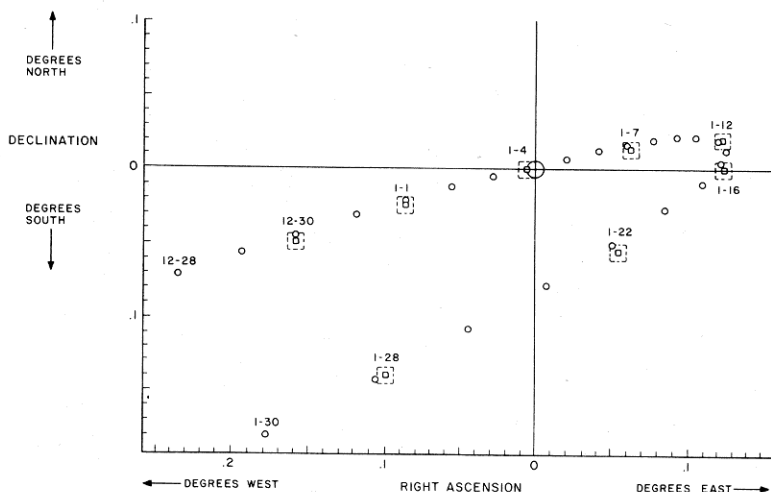
The maximum error of the perturbation terms for the planets from Mercury to Saturn is 1.1 degrees (see Table 2), which means Saturn can be up to 1.1 degrees away from the longitudes found with the program. For the years around

1982, the greatest error is less than .2 degrees. Errors in latitude are less than .01 degrees and usually can be neglected. Errors in distance from the sun are typically .001 AU.

Errors for Uranus and Neptune can be greater than 2 degrees. Pluto's orbit

has not been reduced to a closed form to allow easy error calculations. Data for Halley's comet applies only from 1980-1990. It will be visible in small telescopes from 1985-1987.

The errors are the differences between the values from my program and



- Jupiter—as seen from earth, .012° diameter
- error band, does not include perturbation terms
- Neptune—as seen from Earth, .0007° diameter. True orbit
- position calculated by program

Fig. 8. Position of Neptune with respect to Jupiter December 28, 1612 to January 30, 1613 (Reprinted with permission, Scientific American, December, 1980).

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the values listed in the *Astronomical Almanac*. The perturbation errors produce the greatest differences, and you can neglect most other errors. You obtain the true positions by solving simultaneous differential equations. For each year, an equivalent set of orbit elements is calculated from the simultaneous equation solution. Astronomers determine how much the elements change from year to year and try to approximate this change. For any one year, each element can be considered constant. For hundreds of years, a linear approximation is used. For longer periods, squared and cubed terms are necessary.

Halley's Comet

For Halley's comet, the maximum error between the program's results and those in *Comet Halley's Handbook* will

occur when it is closest to Earth—November 1985 and April 1986.

There are two reasons for this. The comet is changing its distance from both the sun and Earth very rapidly. The geocentric coordinates are approximately equal to the arc tangent of the heliocentric position divided by the distance to earth. As the comet's distance from Earth decreases, the viewing error becomes greater.

A second, more basic reason is that Halley's comet is nearing a heavy object—Earth. Earth's gravitational attraction pulls the comet out of the smooth, elliptical orbit astronomers assumed it followed.

The maximum error is approximately .6 degrees for the two closest approaches on November 27, 1985, and April 11, 1986. The errors at Halley's perihelion and after June 10, 1986, are typically

.25 degrees. When Halley's comet is at perihelion, it will be on the opposite side of the sun from Earth. The program results for the comet are only valid for 1980–1990.

Occultation of Neptune by Jupiter in 1613

A rare event occurred on January 4, 1613. As seen from Earth, Jupiter occulted (passed in front of) Neptune (see Fig. 8). The small circles in Fig. 8 show the true position of Neptune with respect to Jupiter as found by Steven Albers from the solution for the differential equations of motion. The small squares show the results from my program, along with the error limits resulting from all error terms except for the long-period terms. Figures 9 and 10 show the program's calculations for the right ascensions and declinations of all the planets on January 4, 1613, at 4:19 a.m. GMT. I've listed the numbers to three decimal places, because the separation of the centers of Jupiter and Neptune are about .001 degrees apart. Since Jupiter's disk is .012 degrees in diameter, it completely covered the disk of Neptune.

The data in Fig. 10 refers to the year 1950. Doing this allows us to compare the right ascension and declination values of the program to the values in "Mutual Occultations of Planets: 1557 to 2230." Both declination and right ascension are in error by .1 degree. Most of this error is due to long-period terms. That's good agreement by the listed program for a date over 350 years ago. The positions of all the planets for January 4, 1613, are shown in Fig. 11. The Earth-Jupiter-Neptune line-up is easily seen.

Julien Day is 2310199.68

1/4.18/1613 GMT

	Dist to Sun A.U.	Helio Lon. (DEG)	Helio Lat. (DEG)
MER	0.41	311.863	-6.99
VEN	0.72	163.479	3.39
EAR	0.98	104.108	0.00
MAR	1.59	89.897	1.27
JUP	5.43	166.677	1.25
SAT	9.57	348.420	-2.13
URA	18.99	84.440	0.17
NEP	30.23	174.841	1.33
PLU	49.98	39.159	-15.94
HAL	15.70	137.724	-17.50

Want geocentric coordinates for same date? Y/N

Fig. 9. Program's Calculations for Right Ascensions and Declinations of All Planets on January 4, 1613, at 4:19 am GMT.

Want referred to equinox of date? Y/N

What year do you want results referred to? 1950

Results referred to year 1950

	Dist to Earth A.U.	RT Ascen. (HR/MIN)	Declin (DEG)
MER	1.36	19/57.485	-22.912
VEN	0.87	16/9.326	-18.222
MAR	0.68	4/47.757	25.460
JUP	5.06	12/6.990	0.700
SAT	10.04	23/19.283	-6.596
URA	18.06	5/51.676	23.663
NEP	29.92	12/6.993	0.701
PLU	49.58	3/0.682	0.363
HAL	14.93	9/23.345	-4.079

Want alt-azimuth coordinates? Y/N

Fig. 10. Further Calculations for Right Ascensions and Declinations of All Planets on January 4, 1613, at 4:19 am GMT.

Program Improvements

To save memory and improve the speed of calculating, you can make several changes to the program. You can write the mean anomaly in the form $((a + b*T)*T) + c*T$ (see Reference 5). I didn't do this because I wanted to follow the definition of mean anomaly.

If you are certain that you won't enter bad data, delete all the checkpoints for data input. For example, you know you won't enter 14 when inputting the month, or -2.3 for the day. You can delete lines 410–470, 570, and 590.

Formulas for finding the Julian day can be written on one program line. They don't show how to obtain the Julian day, but they do give the right number for it. You can substitute such a formula for lines 620–730. (Although the earliest year on my program is 1500

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6. SOME BASIC COMMANDS MAY DIFFER IN ZBASIC. For instance, END jumps to DOS READY, STOP jumps to BASIC READY etc.
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ZBASIC 2.2 DEMO PROGRAM

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BASIC Execution speed MOD 1, LEVEL II	: 7 MIN. 34 SEC.
ZBASIC Execution speed MOD 1, LEVEL II	: 0 MIN. 18 SEC.
BASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	: 895 BYTES
ZBASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	: 2733 BYTES

(Remember that the ZBASIC program includes an 1879 byte sub-routine package.) Program shown exactly as compiled and run in BASIC and ZBASIC.

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10 '===== ZBASIC 2.2 EXAMPLE PROGRAM AND TIME TEST=====
20 CLS:CLERR100:DEFINT A-X:DEFSTR Z:DIM AA(64,24),Z(50):RANDOM
30 AA=100:BB=-1000:CC=3:DD=-3:EE=-9999:ST$="START TIME "+TIME$
40 FOR I=1 TO 127 STEP 2 :FOR J=47 TO 1 STEP -3:XX=POINT(I,J):SET(I,J)
50 XX=(I-J)/CC*(7+I+J):XX=ABS(INT(RND(I*J)-AA)+7):RESET(I,J)
60 XX=PEEK(I+J):POKE15360+I+J,J:OUT255,J AND (3*J):XX=INP(I)
70 AB$=STR$(I+J):BA$=LEFT$(AB$,2):AA(I/2,J/2)=VAL(BA$)+AA*3
80 BA$=BA$+RIGHT$(BA$,RND(3)):XX=INSTR(1,BA$,"9"):XX=SQR(I*J)
90 BA$=MID$(BA$,2,2):MID$(BA$,1,1)=Z:IF XX THEN 100 ELSE CLS
100 IF LEN(BA$)3 OR SGN(XX)=1 AND ASC(BA$)=32 THEN PRINT"+++"
110 IF POS(0)62 THEN TRON:TROFF:PRINT ELSE XX=NOT(RND(99))+100
120 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" AND I120 THEN PRINT"TRUE.."
130 RESTORE:READA,C,Z(J),D:GOSUB170:GOSUB170:GOSUB170:GOTO210
140 NEXT:PRINT"*":NEXTI:CLS:PRINT0512,ST$,"STOP TIME "+TIME$
150 STOP'===== END OF MAIN TEST LOOP =====
160 DATA 12345,-1,"TEST",-9999
170 ON RND(6) GOTO 180,190,200,180,190,200
180 RETURN
190 RETURN
200 RETURN
210 ON RND(9) GOSUB 180,190,200,180,190,200,180,190,200
220 GOTO140
```

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A.D., the Julian day calculation is accurate for any time after 4713 B.C.) Also, if you don't want geocentric or alt-azimuth coordinates, eliminate most of lines 1360-2120. To decrease the display time for heliocentric positions, change line 100 to: DEFDBL J,T.

What Else Can You Do?

You can also adapt this program to look at the solar system from another planet. The heliocentric calculations stay the same since they give the true locations of the planets. Find the heliocentric positions before calculating any other coordinate system information.

You must make changes in lines 1460-1510. In line 1460, OBLIQ is the tilt of the ecliptic with respect to the planet from which you are looking. For the listed program, this planet is Earth. On June 10, 1980, Earth's tilt was 23.4419 degrees. If you want to look from Mars, using "marcentric" coordinates, the ecliptic should remain the plane of Earth's orbit, so you don't have to change the constants in the data statements. Change OBLIQ to 23.98. This is the tilt of the Martian axis of rotation to the ecliptic. Line 1460 will look like this:

```
1460 OBLIQ = (23.98-.002*TJ)/K2
```

The -.002 term is the precession term. Mars's precession is much less than Earth's since Mars has no large moon to perturb it. The precession of Mars results from influences by the sun and Jupiter. The following lines also change:

```
1470 XSUN = R(4)*COS((L(4) + 180)/K2)*
COS(LAT(4)/K2)
1480 YSUN = R(4)*SIN((L(4) + 180)/K2)*
COS(OBLIQ)*COS(LAT(4)/K2)
1490 ZSUN = R(4)*SIN((L(4) + 180)/K2)*
SIN(OBLIQ)*COS(LAT(4)/K2)
```

The COS(LAT) terms take into account Mars's inclination to the ecliptic. Similar terms would have appeared in finding XSUN for Earth, except that Earth's inclination is defined as zero. In reality, the latitude of Earth is not

always zero, but can be as "high" as .03 degrees. Because COS(.03 degrees) is about .99999985, the latitude term can be ignored for Earth.

Since Mars is the fourth planet, all references must be to it, not to Earth, in the equations. The counter B must be changed from 3 to 4. Line 1510 becomes:

```
1510 IF B=4 THEN 1760
```

With these changes you can find the ascensions and declinations of the other planets as they would be seen from Mars. Martian alt-azimuth coordinates are more difficult to find. You must use Martian latitudes and longitudes, which can be found in some observational astronomy texts. You must obtain a relation between the Martian day and an Earth day. Mars rotates once every 24 hours, 37 minutes, but the formulas are based on Earth's 24 hours per day, 365.25 Julian days per year.

You can also adapt this program to find the path of a spaceship sent from Earth to Mars. Normally, you know the spacecraft's x, y, and z-coordinates, as well as the x, y, and z-velocities with respect to Earth. These quantities usually come from direct radar or accelerometer information.

A spacecraft changes orbit by firing its engines, giving it a velocity change in the x, y, or z direction, or all three. The velocity changes are seldom translated into changes in the orbital elements. In real time, you don't need orbit elements when you have the distances and velocities. However, some formulas let you change the orbit elements for use in a program like this one. Texts that deal with satellite dynamics can give you the methods for changing orbit elements due to a spacecraft's velocity changes.

If you are interested in the alt-azimuth coordinates for a star, you can use lines 1880-2080. Input the right ascension and declination of the star. The star's right ascension would be read as RA(B) in line 1990. The declination becomes CL(B) in line 2000. You must

also calculate the Julian day to find the local sidereal time (LST) in line 1960. The printout will list the altitude and azimuth of the stars as you see them from your latitude and longitude.

You can calculate the transmission time for sending a message from Earth to another planet. The distance from Earth to the planet is found and printed out with the geocentric coordinates and can be used in your own application. Light (and radio waves) travels one A.U. in about 498.5 seconds.

Planet brightness can be calculated, too. Each planet reflects a certain amount of sunlight from its surface. This percent reflectance is called albedo. You can find the planet's brightness, as seen from Earth, if you know the planet's albedo, diameter, distance from the sun, and distance from Earth. The planet's distances from the sun and from Earth are known. All you need to do is read the extra data concerning albedo and diameter for the 10 bodies. ■

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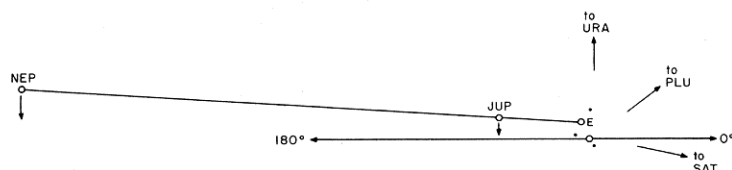


Fig. 11. Alignment of Jupiter and Neptune can be easily seen here. Positions are plotted from data from Fig. 9. The planets orbit counter-clockwise. Three planets are off the scale of the drawing; Halley's comet position shown by the program is meaningless at this date. The 0° mark indicates the direction of the vernal equinox for 1613 A.D.



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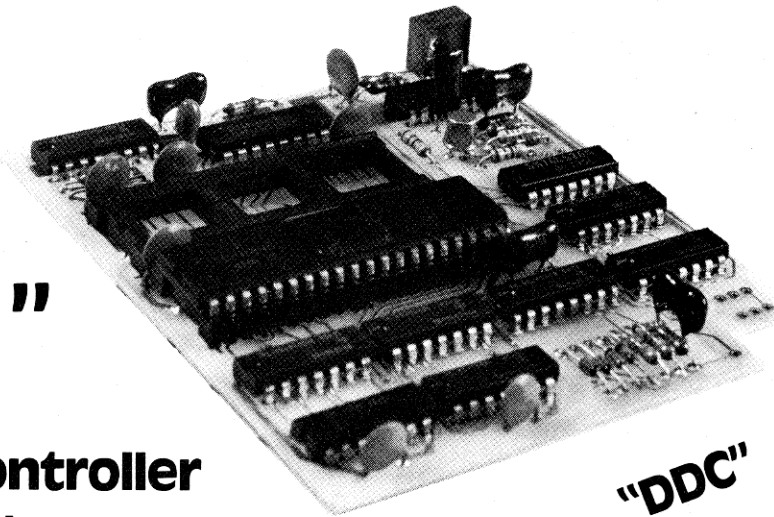
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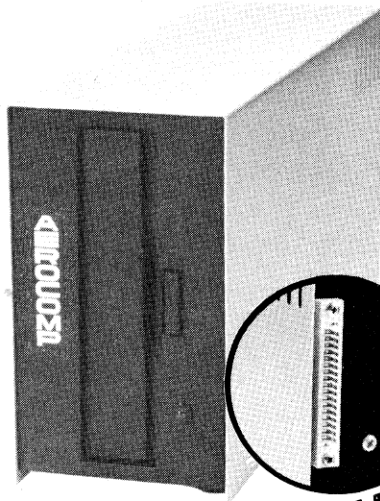
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Program Listing 1 shows how the titles are generated. It draws upon a di-

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rect-access file, called Block, which contains each character from ASCII(33) through ASCII(96). In this file, each record number corresponds to the

ASCII code of the character, less 32.

Within a record, five fields define rows 1-5 of the enlarged block letter. These are mostly constructed from # signs, with a few exceptions (see Fig. 1). The program produces a 5-by-5 representation of each character in your title. It centers each line horizontally, and centers the entire title block vertically on the page. You will need to insert the appropriate page length and width in lines 201 and 202. To run the program, set the top of form on your printer and align the paper perforation. Then, answer the prompts for the number of lines and for what's in each line of your title, and the printing will begin.

When loading the direct-access file, Block, remember Program Listing 2 is a user-friendly file loader. Every time you specify a character, it displays a 5-by-5 block outline on the screen and lets you fill the rows one by one. If necessary, you can shut down and begin later. The sequence of entries is unimportant, and you don't have to complete all characters if you don't think you'll need them. Feel free to redesign the characters. Some people like to use the lowercase letter instead of the # sign, but I think it results in an uneven appearance. By following the character designs in Fig. 1, without making many changes, you should be able to load Block in less than thirty minutes. ■

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0 REM          TITLE/UTL      9 MAY 82      G R BERMAN
1 REM          Prints block titles using 5 x 5 characters
2 '
10 REM          INPUT FILE
11 REM          BLOCK/UTL ..... Direct-access file of block-letter strings
12 '
20 REM          VARIABLES
21 REM          F$(4) ..... Fields for strings defining a character
22 REM          L$(NL) ..... Lines of title
23 REM          NL ..... Number of lines in title
24 REM          R ..... Record containing character
25 REM          TH ..... Horizontal tab to center each line
26 REM          TV ..... Vertical tab to center title block
27 '
100 DEFINT A-Z : DEFSTR F
110 DIM F$(4)
111 '
200 REM          CONSTANTS
201 P=66' ..... Page length, lines
202 W=96' ..... Page width, characters
203 '
300 OPEN "D", 1, "BLOCK/UTL", 25
310 FIELD 1, 5 AS F(0), 5 AS F(1), 5 AS F(2), 5 AS F(3), 5 AS F(4)
311 '
400 CLS : PRINT CHR$(26); " TITLE "; CHR$(25)
410 INPUT "HOW MANY LINES"; NL : DIM L$(NL)
420 FOR I = 1 TO NL
421 INPUT L$(I)
422 IF 7*LEN(L$(I)) > W THEN 630
423 NEXT
430 TV = (P - 7*NL)/2
440 FOR I = 1 TO TV : LPRINT : NEXT
450 FOR I = 1 TO NL
460 TH = (W - 7*LEN(L$(I)))/2
470 FOR K = 0 TO 4
480 LPRINT TAB(TH);
490 FOR J = 1 TO LEN(L$(I))
500 R = ASC(MID$(L$(I),J,1)) - 32
510 IF R>0 THEN 530
520 LPRINT " "; : GOTO 550
530 GET 1, R
540 LPRINT F(K);
550 LPRINT " ";
560 NEXT J
570 LPRINT
580 NEXT K
590 LPRINT : LPRINT
600 NEXT I
610 SYSTEM "T"
620 END
630 PRINT : PRINT CHR$(26); "LINE"; I; "TOO LONG. START OVER." ; CHR$(25)
640 FOR J = 1 TO 2500 : NEXT
650 GOTO 400

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Program Listing 1

The Key Box

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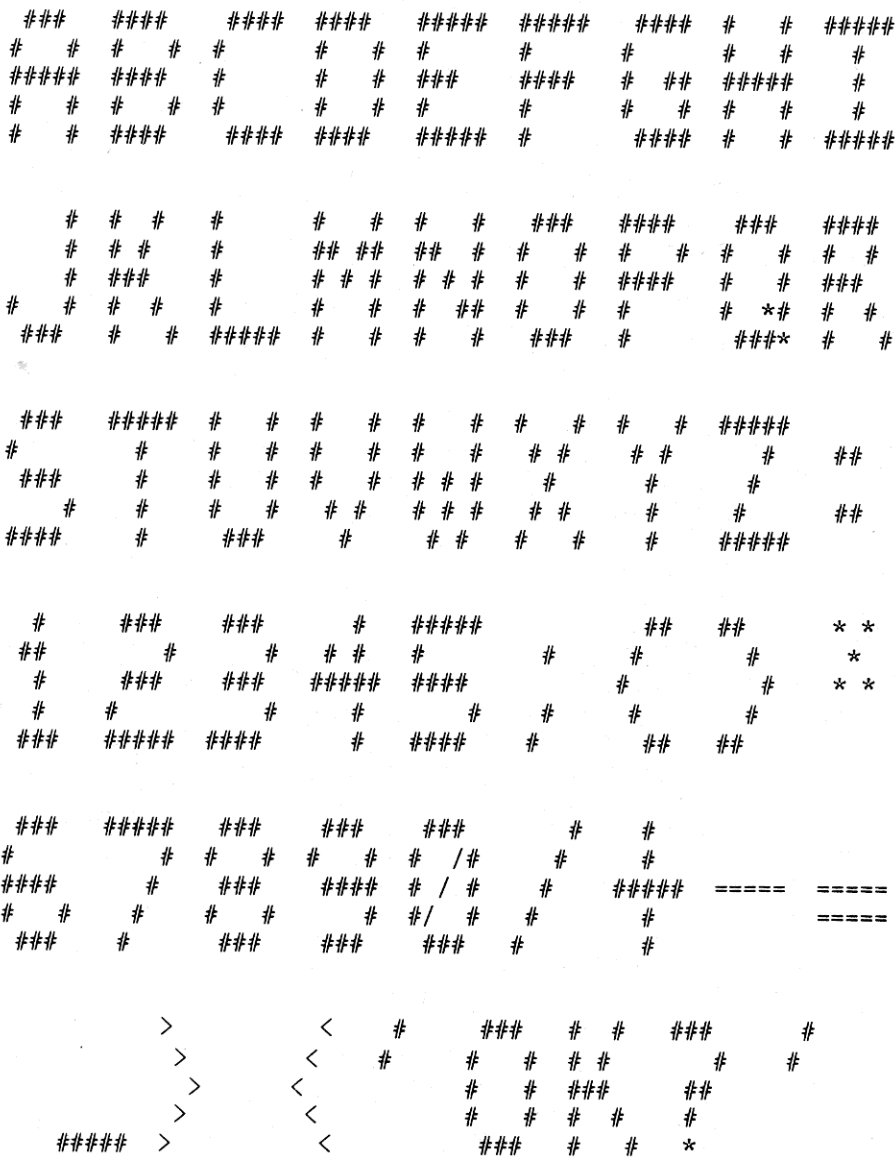


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0 REM          LOADBLOC/UTL          9 MAY 82          G R BERMAN
1 REM          Loads file with title characters in 5 x 5 format
2 '
10 REM          OUTPUT FILE
11 REM          BLOCK/UTL ..... Direct-access file of block-letter strings
12 '
20 REM          VARIABLES
21 REM          AS ..... Temporary variable
22 REM          CS ..... String defining character
23 REM          F(4) ..... Fields for strings defining a character
24 REM          LS ..... Character being coded
25 REM          R ..... Record containing character
26 '
100 DEFINT A-Z : DEFSTR F
110 DIM F(4)
111 '
200 OPEN "D", 1, "BLOCK/UTL", 25
210 FIELD 1, 5 AS F(0), 5 AS F(1), 5 AS F(2), 5 AS F(3), 5 AS F(4)
211 '
300 CLS : PRINT "TYPE 'END' TO QUIT"
310 INPUT "CHRACTER TO BE CODED"; LS
320 IF LS = "END" THEN 430
330 R = ASC(LS)-32
340 PRINT @ (5,0), STRING$(5,124) : PRINT @ (11,0), STRING$(5,124)
350 PRINT @ (6,0), "";
360 FOR I = 0 TO 4
365   LSET F(I) = "" : CS = ""
370   AS = INKEY$ : IF AS = "" THEN 370
380   IF AS = CHR$(13) THEN PRINT AS; : GOTO 400
390   PRINT AS; : CS = CS + AS : GOTO 370
400   LSET F(I) = CS
410 NEXT
420 PUT 1, R : GOTO 300
430 END

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Program Listing 2

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Variable length character strings are a boon to the high-level language programmer. Consider printing an employee's name on a paycheck. If the name were John Jones, you would not want it on the check

as John Jones, but with the last name immediately adjacent to the first. Using fixed-length strings, each name field is as long as the longest practical name and is filled with blanks. For the desired appearance you would have to tediously count the number of trailing blanks in the first name field and subtract that from the maximum field length. We should be grateful Microsoft chose the variable length approach such that we can `LPRINT NF$;" ";NL$`.

Suppose the application program constructs an array of names where the longest is 30 characters, but the average length is only 12. If storage were statically allocated, an array of 1000 names would gobble up 30,000 bytes of memory. North Star Basic and IBM's VSBASIC handle strings this way. Our current generation processors address

only 65,536 bytes of memory. The question is not "Can I justify the cost of more memory?", but "What would I do with more memory if I had it?"

Again, Microsoft made the wiser choice. Memory is allocated dynamically as required. In the example above, only 12,000 bytes of memory are required to implement the string array.

Good things are not free. In exchange for flexible, memory efficient string handling, we require complex overhead to manage the strings.

Table 1 is a map of memory allocation for Microsoft Basic. Two of the map areas are completely dynamic: The stack moves downward and the variable/array tables move upward. Stack requirements are normally minimal, but deeply nested GOSUBs

Reserved memory Allocated by Memory Size?
String Space Allocated by Clear statement
Stack (moves downward)
Free memory
Array Table and Variable Table (moves upward)
Resident Basic program
File buffers Allocated by Number of Files?
Basic interpreter, Reserved storage, Operating system.

Table 1. Microsoft Basic Memory Map.

The Key Box

Model I, II, or III
Microsoft Basic

After 10	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
After 20	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	A\$	A\$	A\$
After 30	F	F	F	F	F	F	B\$	B\$	B\$	A\$	A\$	A\$
After 40	F	F	F	C\$	C\$	C\$	B\$	B\$	B\$	A\$	A\$	A\$
After 50	C\$	C\$	C\$	G	G	G	B\$	B\$	B\$	A\$	A\$	A\$
During 60	F	F	F	C\$	C\$	C\$	B\$	B\$	B\$	A\$	A\$	A\$
After 60	A\$	A\$	A\$	C\$	C\$	C\$	B\$	B\$	B\$	G	G	G

Table 2

or For...Next loops can make it quite large. When the stack is about to bump into the variable/array tables, or vice versa, the dreaded OM error results.

Let us direct our attention to the string space. A storage pool for strings is set aside immediately below any reserved memory. The size of this area is determined by the Clear nnnn statement; defaults are 50 or 100 bytes, depending upon the TRS-80 model.

Within the variable table, a string occupies three bytes of storage: one byte for the current length of the string (0-255), two bytes for the location of string data. The string data can be in one of four places. If the string was named in a Field statement the data is in the file buffer area. If it was created by a Let or Read statement the data is contained within the Basic program. A string length of zero has no string data. In any other situation the string data is located somewhere in the string pool.

Space in the pool is allocated to active strings starting from the top. Pointers are maintained by Basic to next available string location and to top of stack. To store a string in the pool, the number of bytes required is subtracted from next available. The result is compared to top of stack.

When the comparison shows available space the string is stored, next available is updated and processing continues.

Here is a simple Basic program; a diagram of what the string pool will look like is in Table 2.

```
10 CLEAR 12
20 A$ = STRING$(3," ")
30 B$ = STRING$(3," ")
40 C$ = A$
50 C$ = B$
60 A$ = C$
```

The letter F indicates a free position in the pool. Following the execution of line 10, all 12 positions are free. When line 20 is executed, the top three positions are allocated to A\$. In lines 30 and 40, space is further allocated to B\$ to C\$. Note carefully the results of line 50. When C\$ is assigned a second value, additional space was taken from the pool for the new value. The old space occupied by C\$ is abandoned! This space is marked with the letter G (for garbage).

The problem arises during the execution of line 60. The interpreter determines three more bytes of string storage are needed for the new value of A\$, but no space is available.

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```
GARBAGE-COLLECTOR: PROCEDURE;
IF PACKED-INDICATOR = TRUE THEN SIGNAL ERROR (OUT-OF-STRING-SPACE);
PACKED-INDICATOR = TRUE; /* caller sets back to false */
NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION = TOP-OF-STRING-SPACE;
DO UNTIL (HIGH-STRING-LOCATION = 0);
HIGH-STRING-LOCATION = 0;
POSITION = START-OF-WORKSPACE;
DO WHILE (POSITION < END-OF-WORKSPACE);
CALL EVALUATE-STRING-LOCATION;
INCREMENT POSITION TO NEXT WORKSPACE ENTRY;
END; /* do while (position < end-of-workspace) */
POSITION = START-OF-VARIABLE-TABLE;
DO WHILE (POSITION < END-OF-VARIABLE-TABLE);
IF VARIABLE-TYPE = STRING THEN CALL EVALUATE-STRING-LOCATION;
INCREMENT POSITION TO NEXT VARIABLE ENTRY;
END; /* do while (position < end-of-variable-table) */
POSITION = START-OF-ARRAY-TABLE;
DO WHILE (POSITION < END-OF-ARRAY-TABLE);
IF ARRAY-TYPE = STRING THEN DO;
CALCULATE SIZE OF ARRAY AND POINT POSITION AT FIRST ELEMENT;
DO WHILE (MORE ELEMENTS IN THIS ARRAY);
CALL EVALUATE-STRING-LOCATION;
INCREMENT POSITION TO NEXT ELEMENT;
END; /* more elements in this array */
END; /* array type = string */
INCREMENT POSITION TO NEXT ARRAY;
END; /* position < end-of-array-table */
CALL PACK-SELECTED-STRING;
END; /* until high-string-location = 0 */
RETURN; /* that's all, folks! */
EVALUATE-STRING-LOCATION: PROCEDURE;
IF STRING-LENGTH = 0 THEN RETURN;
/* don't bother with null strings */
IF STRING-DATA-ADDRESS > NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION THEN RETURN;
/* above test indicates this string already packed */
IF STRING-DATA-ADDRESS < BOTTOM-OF-STRING-SPACE THEN RETURN;
/* above test indicates this string not in string space */
IF STRING-DATA-ADDRESS < HIGH-STRING-LOCATION THEN RETURN;
/* this means that this is not the highest string data */
HIGH-STRING-LOCATION = STRING-DATA-ADDRESS;
HIGH-STRING-DESCRIPTOR-ADDRESS = CURRENT-STRING-DESCRIPTOR-ADDRESS;
RETURN;
END; /* EVALUATE-STRING-LOCATION */
PACK-SELECTED-STRING: PROCEDURE;
/* references here relative to high-string-descriptor-address */
MOVE STRING DATA TO (NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION - STRING-LENGTH + 1);
STRING-DATA-ADDRESS = (NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION - STRING-LENGTH + 1);
NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION =
NEXT-AVAILABLE-STRING-LOCATION - STRING-LENGTH;
RETURN;
END; /* PACK-SELECTED-STRING */
END; /* GARBAGE-COLLECTOR */
```

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"Garbage collection occurs in inverse proportion to the amount of unused string space."

$$CT = ((149 * SV \text{ (use 129 for Mod II)} \\ + 271 * AC \text{ (use 251 for Mod II)} \\ + 92 * AE \\ + 53 * NS \\ + 219 * NN \text{ (use 199 for Mod II)} \\ + 21 * SS \\ + 258 * PS) + (83 * BC)) / CS$$

Where: CT is collection time in seconds;
SV is the number of simple (non-array) variables; including string variables;
AC is the number of arrays;
AE is the number of string array elements;
NS is the number of null (zero length) string elements;
NN is the number of non-null string elements, including those located outside the string pool;
SS is the number of simple (non-array) string elements;
PS is the number of non-null string elements located in the string pool;
BC is the total number of bytes used for string data; and
CS is the Z-80 clock speed, in cycles per second:
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Model I-1774083,
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Model III-2027520.

Figure 1

The Garbage Collector

Alarms go off all over the place! The interpreter calls the Garbage Collector. The garbage collector arrives and finds a hole in the middle of the pool. He pushes the value of C\$ upward into the hole, leaving a new free area at the bottom of the pool. The garbage collector departs, leaving his bill behind. In this case his invoice is not for money, but for time.

In this example, the garbage collector acts quickly. When many strings are active his job can become rather formidable. He always comes through, but sometimes his bill is very large.

I have transcribed his operations guide into a PL/I-like pseudocode, in Listing 1. The amount of work he has to do grows exponentially with the number of strings. The main loop, Do until High-String-Location = 0, is executed once for each string in the pool. The hottest subroutine, Evaluate-String-Location, is executed (for each iteration of the main loop) once for every string.

The formula in Fig. 1 calculates the time it takes the garbage collector to do his work:

Many factors are usually not significant in determining the final result. A good approximation can usually be found from: $CT = 310 * PS^2 / CS$ (300 for Model II).

The second formula was derived from experimentation, rather than calculations and is often more accurate than the first.

The time required to garbage collect is roughly proportional to the square of the number of strings. If you double the number of strings, you multiply the garbage collection time by four.

For a Model III program with 500 active strings, using the second formula, we get: $310 * 500^2 / 2027520$ or 38.224 seconds. Dur-

ing this time, the machine will seemingly lock up, not responding even to the Break key. Your machine is not malfunctioning.

To take the matter to its ridiculous extreme, the program shown below will produce a garbage collection time (Model III) of 3 hours, 26 minutes, 24 seconds, again using the second formula.

```
10 CLEAR 9100
20 DIM A$(9000)
30 FOR I% = 1 TO 9000
40 A$(I%) = CHR$(32)
50 NEXT
60 PRINT TIMES
70 PRINT FRE(A$)
80 PRINT TIMES
```

Garbage Reduction Methods

Reducing garbage collection time can be divided into two main groups: Reducing the frequency of garbage collection and reducing the time required for garbage collection. Reducing frequency is simpler.

Without changing the code in the program, increase the value in Clear to cause less frequent garbage collection. Garbage collection occurs in inverse proportion to the amount of unused string space. In a program using 1000 bytes of string space with 1100 bytes as a string pool, garbage collection occurs at some general rate N. If you were to clear 6000 bytes, the unused string space is 50 times as large and garbage collection occurs at the rate N/50. Your best choice is to clear the largest possible value.

You determine this by trial and error. Keep increasing the cleared value until you get OM errors, then reduce it until OM errors go away. To be safe reduce it by a few hundred bytes more than seems necessary.

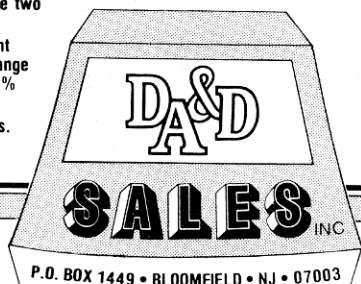
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Each time a string variable appears on the left side of an assignment statement (statement containing an equal sign), the old value of the string variable is abandoned unless the string variable is used with LSET, RSET or MID\$. The easiest way to benefit from this is to prevent the abandonment of a string when its value, not its length, changes. If A\$ and B\$ both have a length of 15, A\$ = B\$ causes the previous space occupied by A\$ to be abandoned, contributing to the fragmentation which calls the garbage collector. The execution of MID\$(A\$,1,15) = B\$, will not contribute to fragmentation.

Multiple concatenation is another string space villain. If A\$, B\$, C\$, D\$ and E\$ all have a length of 5 and we want to construct Z\$ with the five other strings strung together, the execution of Z\$ = A\$ + B\$ + C\$ + D\$ + E\$ will play havoc with the

string space. Basic will execute the statement as if you had entered:

```
T1$ = A$ + B$
T2$ = T1$ + C$
T3$ = T2$ + D$
Z$ = T3$ + E$
```

A much less damaging set of code would be:

```
Z$ = STRING$(25,0)
MID$(Z$,1,5) = A$
MID$(Z$,6,5) = B$
MID$(Z$,11,5) = C$
MID$(Z$,16,5) = D$
MID$(Z$,21,5) = E$
```

The first statement in this sequence could be omitted if Z\$ already had a length of 25.

A typical set of code found in an INKEY\$ routine might look like:

```
100 W$ = ""
110 I$ = INKEY$: IF I$ = "" THEN 110
120 IF ASC(I$) = 13 THEN RETURN
130 W$ = W$ + I$
140 IF LEN(W$) = N THEN RETURN ELSE 110
```

A less damaging code would be:

```
100 W$ = STRING$(N," ")
110 I$ = INKEY$: IF I$ = "" THEN 110
120 IF ASC(I$) = 13 THEN 150
130 K = K + 1: MID$(W$,K,1) = I$
140 IF K = N THEN RETURN
150 FOR J = N TO 1 STEP -1
160 IF MID$(W$,J,1) < " " THEN P = J: J = 1
170 NEXT
180 W$ = LEFT$(W$,P): RETURN.
```

```
100 CLEAR 12000
110 OPEN "R",1,"DATAFILE"
120 FIELD 1, 10 AS FK$, 90 AS DT$
130 DIM RR$(LOF(1)), KT$(LOF(1))
140 FOR I% = 1 TO LOF(1)
150 GET 1,I%
160 KT$(I%) = FK$
170 RR$(I%) = I%
190 NEXT
200 'INVOKE A MACHINE LANGUAGE SORT HERE. SORT KT$ and RR%
210 'USING KT$ AS KEY, RR% TAGGING ALONG.
220 LINE INPUT "NAME";SA$: IF LEN(SA$) <> 10 THEN 220
230 GOSUB 10000
240 IF ER% THEN PRINT "NOT FOUND" ELSE PRINT DT$
250 GOTO 220
10000 'BINARY SEARCH OF STRING ARRAY,
RECORD RETRIEVED IF FOUND,
ER% SET IF NOT.
10010 ER% = 0
: ZB% = 1
: ZD% = LOF(1) + 1
: ZC% = (ZB% + ZD%) / 2
10020 IF SA$ = KT$(ZC%) THEN GET 1,RR$(ZC%)
: RETURN
10030 IF KT$(ZC%) > SA$ THEN ZD% = ZC%
: ZC% = (ZC% + ZB%) / 2
: IF ZC% = ZD% THEN ER% = -1
: RETURN
ELSE 10020
10040 ZB% = ZC%
: ZC% = (ZC% + ZD%) / 2
: IF ZC% = ZB% THEN ER% = -1
: RETURN
ELSE 10020
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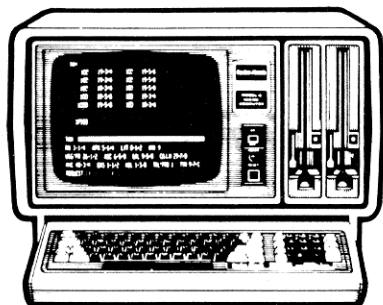
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```
FOR I% = 0 TO 2
  T% = PEEK(VARPTR(A$) + I%)
  POKE (VARPTR(A$) + I%), PEEK(VARPTR(B$) + I%)
  POKE (VARPTR(B$) + I%), T%
NEXT
```

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In building an index to a large data file, suppose the data file has 1000 records, each uniquely identified by a 10 character string. To gain speedy access to each record by its identifier string, you might pass through the file once, building parallel arrays of the identifier (string) and the record number (integer). Sort the arrays on the identifier, with the record number tagging along. When the user requests a record by identifier, binary search the string array, using the record number corresponding to the located string as the key for direct retrieval of the complete data record desired. Program Listing 2 is a sketch of this approach.

This routine performs quickly. Unfortunately, garbage collection is in the 150 second range on a Model III.

Modifying the technique eliminates garbage collection, with some additional overhead in disk accesses. After sorting the arrays, get rid of the string array. On the Model II, use erase. On the Model I or III, pass through the string array setting all the strings to nulls. Use the array of record numbers as a key to do the same binary search on disk. Binary searching 1000 records never takes more than 10 probes. The individual searches are slower, but more consistent (see Program Listing 3). ■

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100 CLEAR 12000
110 OPEN "R",1,"DATAFILE"
120 FIELD 1, 10 AS FK$, 90 AS DT$
130 DIM RR%(LOF(1)), KT$(LOF(1))
140 FOR I% = 1 TO LOF(1)
150 GET 1,I%
160 KT$(I%) = FK$
170 RR%(I%) = I%
190 NEXT
200 'INVOKE A MACHINE LANGUAGE SORT HERE. SORT KT$ and RR%
210 'USING KT$ AS KEY, RR% TAGGING ALONG.
211 FOR I% = 1 TO LOF(1)
212 KT$(I%) = ""
213 NEXT
220 LINE INPUT "NAME";SA$: IF LEN(SA$) <> 10 THEN 220
230 GOSUB 10000
240 IF ER% THEN PRINT "NOT FOUND" ELSE PRINT DT$
250 GOTO 220
10000 'BINARY SEARCH OF DATAFILE,
      RECORD RETRIEVED IF FOUND,
      ER% SET IF NOT.
10010 ER% = 0
      : ZB% = 1
      : ZD% = LOF(1) + 1
      : ZC% = (ZB% + ZD%) / 2
10015 GET 1,RR%(ZC%)
10020 IF SA$ = FK$ THEN RETURN
10030 IF FK$ > SA$ THEN ZD% = ZC%
      : ZC% = (ZC% + ZB%) / 2
      : IF ZC% = ZD% THEN ER% = -1
      : RETURN
      ELSE 10015
10040 ZB% = ZC%
      : ZC% = (ZC% + ZD%) / 2
      : IF ZC% = ZB% THEN ER% = -1
      : RETURN
      ELSE 10015
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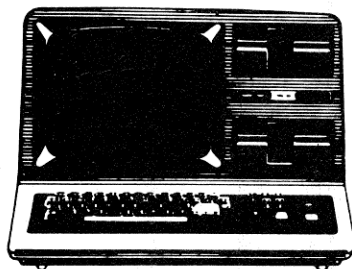
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Lunar Lander

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Games are rarely written for the Model II, but here's one that lets you make a lunar landing.

Few games are written for the Model II, so here is one you might like to try. Lunar Lander is not an arcade-style game, but it is realtime. It is written in Model II Basic and runs relatively fast.

The object of the game is to land your spaceship on one of the designated landing areas (thin horizontal lines) without touching the rest of the surface or running out of fuel. To control the ship (^), thrust the main engine by hitting the space bar. You can also fire lateral rockets by using the < and > keys.

You have several options for preventing a crash: abort, hyperspace, and freeze. Abort, A, provides the combined effects of several simultaneous thrusts. Hyperspace, H, moves the ship to a random position on the top six lines of the screen. Freeze, F, freezes the ship's lateral and vertical motion. You

are allowed 1-3 hyperspaces per round, and you might not be allowed to freeze.

All three options use up more fuel than thrusting or firing the lateral rockets. If you run out of fuel, your ship plummets to the surface and the

game ends. If you go over the top of the screen, you are automatically put in hyperspace.

When the program is run, you will be asked three questions: Game # asks you which of seven playing boards you want

Program Listing

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11 '
12 ' *****
13 ' * LUNAR LANDER *
14 ' * FOR THE MODEL II *
15 ' * BY NAT KOCH *
16 ' *****
17 '
19 CLEAR 3000
20 CLS:RANDOM
70 DIM SCREEN(2160),CC(520)
100 '
101 ' WORKING PROGRAM
102 '
110 '
120 INPUT "Game number (1-7) ";GN
130 IF GN<1 OR GN>7 THEN GOTO 120
135 D=40
140 INPUT "Speed (1-80) ";D
150 IF D<1 OR D>80 THEN GOTO 140
155 D=ABS(D-81)
160 INPUT "Gravity (1-5) ";G
170 IF G<1 OR G>5 THEN GOTO 160
180 '
181 ' CLEAR OLD BOARD
182 '
190 FOR C1=0 TO 520:SCREEN(CC(C1))=0:NEXT C1
210 F=1000:VEL=0:SW=0:GRAV=1:H=RND(3):FR=RND(2)-1:P=80:FLAG=0:C2=0
220 '
221 ' READ DATA
222 '
225 CLS:RESTORE
230 READ AA,AB,AC
240 IF AA<>GN THEN GOTO 230
250 READ S,E,I
260 IF S=GN+1 THEN GOTO 300
270 IF I=9999 THEN GOSUB 1200 ELSE GOSUB 1100
280 GOTO 250
300 '
301 ' MAIN PROGRAM
302 '
310 IN$=INKEY$:IF IN$="" THEN GOTO 400
320 IF IN$=" " THEN SW=SW-1:F=F-RND(5)*10
330 IF IN$="." THEN SW=SW+1:F=F-RND(5)*10
340 IF IN$=" " THEN VEL=VEL-1:F=F-RND(10)*10
350 IF IN$="A" THEN GOSUB 700
360 IF IN$="H" THEN GOSUB 750
370 IF IN$="F" THEN GOSUB 800
400 PRINT@P," ";

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to use. Speed is the time between ship movements—at 80 it is very slow, but at 1 the game is impossibly fast. Beginners should start at about 50. Gravity asks you what level of gravity you want. At gravity level 1 the ship floats, while at 5 it drops like a rock. A beginner should use gravity level 2.

All the boards are drawn with lines. Each data statement contains a list of start and end-line coordinates and increments. If the increment is 9999, that line is interpreted as a landing area (a thin line on the screen). Even though board #8 has no instructions, it is necessary, because the board-scanning variable starts at one board and ends at the next.

If you design your own playing board with several vertical surfaces, you might get a BS error from the Basic interpreter. To correct this you need to dimension the CC array larger and clear more memory. However, the program is fine for most boards. ■

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422 '
430 IF SW=>3 THEN SW=3 ELSE IF SW<=-3 THEN SW=-3
440 IF VEL=>3 THEN VEL=3 ELSE IF VEL<=-3 THEN VEL=-3
450 '
460 GRAV=GRAV+G:IF GRAV>8 THEN VEL=VEL+1:GRAV=1
470 '
480 UD=VEL*80
490 P=P+(UD+SW)
500 IF P<0 THEN GOSUB 1000
510 IF P>1919 THEN GOTO 950
520 IF SCREEN(P)=1 THEN GOTO 900
530 IF SCREEN(P)=2 THEN GOTO 850
540 PRINT@P,"^";
545 IF FLAG=1 THEN GOTO 640
550 PRINT@0,"F:";F;" H:";H;" FRZ:";FR
560 '
561 '      DELAY HERE
562 '
570 FOR DELAY=1 TO D*10:NEXT DELAY
580 IF F>0 THEN GOTO 310
590 '
591 '      SHIP OUT OF FUEL SEQUENCE
592 '
600 PRINT@30,"OUT OF FUEL":FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT Z
605 F=0
610 PRINT@30,SPACE$(59)
615 PRINT@0,"F:0 H:";H;" FRZ:";FR;" "
620 FOR FALL=1 TO 24
630 FLAG=1:GOTO 500
640 PRINT@P," ";:P=P+80:PRINT@P,"^";
650 NEXT FALL:END
700 '
701 '-----
702 '
703 '      SUBROUTINES FOR WHAT HAPPENS TO SHIP
704 '
710 '      --- ABORT ---
720 PRINT@30,CHR$(26)"ABORT"CHR$(25):FOR Z=1 TO 500:NEXT Z
730 PRINT@30,SPACE$(59)
740 VEL=VEL-(2+RND(3)):F=F-RND(15)*10:RETURN
750 '      --- HYPERSPACE ---
760 PRINT@P," ";
780 H=H-1:IF H<0 THEN H=0:PRINT@30,"HYPERSPACE NOT FUNCTIONAL":FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT Z
790 PRINT@30,SPACE$(59):RETURN
790 PRINT@30,CHR$(26)"HYPERSPACE"CHR$(25):FOR Z=1 TO 500:NEXT Z:PRINT@30,SPACE$(59)
800 '      --- FREEZE ---
810 FR=FR-1:IF FR<0 THEN FR=0:PRINT@30,"FREEZE NOT FUNCTIONAL":FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT Z
820 PRINT@30,CHR$(26)"FREEZE"CHR$(25):FOR Z=1 TO 500:NEXT Z:PRINT@30,SPACE$(59)
830 VEL=VEL-RND(10)*10
840 '      --- LAND OR CRASH ON PAD ---
850 '
853 IF FLAG=1 THEN GOTO 860
855 IF VEL<3 THEN GOTO 875
860 PRINT@30,"YOU CRASHED ON THE PAD";:PRINT@P,"X":FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT Z:Z=RND(3)
870 IF Z=3 THEN PRINT@30,"There were no survivors";
873 GOTO 2000
875 PRINT@P,"A";
880 PRINT@30,"YOU LANDED SAFELY : Rating =";F+H*100+FR*200:GOTO 2000
900 '      --- CRASH ---
905 PRINT@P,"*";
910 C1$="**"+CHR$(255)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+"*":C2$="**"+CHR$(255)+CHR$(255)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+"*":C3$="**"+CHR$(255)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+"*":C4$="**"+CHR$(255)+CHR$(255)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+CHR$(252)+"*";

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920 PRINT@30,"CRASH":FOR Z=1 TO 300:NEXT Z
940 PRINT@P-80,C1$;:FOR Z=1 TO 300:NEXT Z:PRINT@P-80,C3$;:PRINT@P-160,C2$;:FOR Z
  =1 TO 300:NEXT Z:PRINT@P-160,C4$;
943 PRINT@40,"There were no survivors"
945 GOTO 2000
950 ' --- OVERSHOOT BASE ---
960 PRINT@30,"YOU OVERSHOT THE BASE":GOTO 2000
1000 ' --- OUT OF ORBIT ---
1010 PRINT@30,"SHIP OUT OF ORBIT":FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT:PRINT@30,SPACES(59):P=
  RND(480)-1:F=F-RND(10)*10:VEL=0:SW=0:RETURN
1100 '
1101 ' SUBROUTINE TO DRAW IN TERRAIN
1102 '
1110 FOR LN=S TO E STEP 1
1115 PRINT@LN,CHR$(153);
1125 SCREEN(LN)=1:CC(C2)=LN:C2=C2+1
1130 IF I=-80 THEN SCREEN(LN+1)=1:CC(C2)=LN+1:C2=C2+1:SCREEN(LN+2)=1:CC(C2)=LN
  +2:C2=C2+1:GOTO 1170
1140 IF I=80 THEN SCREEN(LN-1)=1:CC(C2)=LN-1:C2=C2+1:SCREEN(LN-2)=1:CC(C2)=LN-
  2:C2=C2+1:GOTO 1170
1150 SCREEN(LN+80)=1:CC(C2)=LN+80:C2=C2+1:SCREEN(LN+160)=1:CC(C2)=LN+160:C2=C2+
  1:SCREEN(LN+240)=1:CC(C2)=LN+240:C2=C2+1
1170 NEXT LN:RETURN
1200 '
1201 ' SUBROUTINE TO DRAW IN BASE
1202 '
1210 FOR LN=S TO E STEP 1
1220 PRINT@LN," ";
1230 SCREEN(LN)=2:CC(C2)=LN:C2=C2+1:SCREEN(LN+80)=1:CC(C2)=LN+80:C2=C2+1:SCREEN
  (LN+160)=1:CC(C2)=LN+160:C2=C2+1
1240 NEXT LN:RETURN
2000 '
2001 ' END GAME
2002 '
2005 FOR Z=1 TO 1000:NEXT Z
2010 PRINT@0,"F:";F;" H:";H;" FRZ:";FR;SPACES(59)
2045 GOTO 110
9000 '
9002 ' *** BOARD #1 ***
9004 '
9006 DATA 1,0,0
9008 DATA 640,644,1, 565,567,1, 488,490,1, 571,895,81
9010 DATA 976,977,9999, 1058,1301,81, 1302,1306,1, 1387,1468,81
9012 DATA 1469,1471,1, 1552,1795,81, 1796,1797,1, 1718,1639,-79
9014 DATA 1560,1562,9999, 1643,1645,1, 1566,934,-79, 854,614,-80
9016 DATA 535,543,1, 464,467,1, 548,548,0, 629,630,9999
9018 DATA 711,712,1, 793,1036,81, 1117,1118,9999, 1199,1199,0
9020 '
9022 ' *** BOARD #2 ***
9024 '
9026 DATA 2,0,0
9028 DATA 320,324,1, 405,1045,80, 1126,1526,80, 1607,1688,81
9030 DATA 1769,1771,9999, 1692,1218,-79, 1138,658,-80, 579,273,-79
9032 DATA 264,268,1, 349,905,81, 916,918,9999, 999,1566,81
9034 DATA 1567,1569,1, 1490,1490,0, 1411,1412,9999, 1493,1493,0
9036 DATA 1574,1577,1, 1498,1178,-80, 1099,388,-79, 469,469,0
9038 DATA 550,551,9999, 632,793,81, 794,797,1, 718,478,-80
9040 DATA 399,399,0
9042 '
9044 ' *** BOARD #3 ***
9046 '
9048 DATA 3,0,0
9050 DATA 400,405,1, 326,247,-79, 248,250,1, 331,1141,81
9052 DATA 1221,1541,80, 1622,1703,81, 1784,1786,9999, 1707,1712,1
9054 DATA 1633,1554,-79, 1555,1557,1, 1478,1241,-79, 1322,1565,81
9056 DATA 1646,1647,9999, 1728,1809,81, 1810,1814,1, 1735,1735,0
9058 DATA 1656,1658,9999, 1579,1579,0, 1500,940,-80, 861,387,-79
9060 DATA 388,391,1, 472,473,9999, 554,557,1, 478,479,1
9062 '
9064 ' *** BOARD #4 ***
9066 '
9068 DATA 4,0,0
9070 DATA 240,247,1, 328,1688,80, 1769,1771,9999, 1692,812,-80
9072 DATA 733,496,-79, 416,256,-80, 177,185,1, 266,752,81
9074 DATA 832,1712,80, 1793,1794,9999, 1715,1235,-80, 1156,436,-80
9076 DATA 357,199,-79, 200,204,1, 285,605,80, 686,1739,81
9078 DATA 1740,1741,9999, 1742,1747,1, 1668,1115,-79, 1035,395,-80
9080 DATA 316,319,1
9082 '
9084 ' *** BOARD #5 ***
9086 '
9088 DATA 5,0,0
9090 DATA 1440,1124,-79, 1045,1047,9999, 968,257,-79, 258,265,1
9092 DATA 186,193,1, 274,436,81, 517,518,9999, 599,923,81
9094 DATA 1003,1403,80, 1484,1486,1, 1567,1570,9999, 1491,291,-80
9096 DATA 292,293,9999, 294,1494,80, 615,616,9999, 1575,1578,1
9098 DATA 1499,393,-79, 314,315,9999, 316,317,1, 398,1438,80
9100 DATA 1519,1519,0
9102 '
9104 ' *** BOARD #6 ***
9106 '
9108 DATA 6,0,0
9110 DATA 1840,260,-79, 181,183,9999, 264,1560,81, 1481,296,-79
9112 DATA 217,219,9999, 300,1919,81
9114 '
9116 ' *** BOARD #7 ***
9118 '
9120 DATA 7,0,0
9122 DATA 1520,1530,1, 1451,1135,-79, 1056,1057,9999, 1138,1786,81
9124 DATA 1787,1798,1, 1799,1799,9999, 1800,1809,1, 1730,1330,-80
9126 DATA 1251,1093,-79, 1014,1015,9999, 936,778,-79, 698,378,-80
9128 DATA 299,301,1, 382,463,81, 544,546,9999, 467,230,-79
9130 DATA 231,235,1, 316,1756,80, 1837,1839,1
9132 '
9134 ' *** BOARD #8 ***
9136 '
9138 DATA 8,0,0

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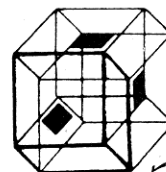
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consumes a great deal of memory, so only about 2,500 bytes remain unused for expansion of the program.

The screen shows the view from your

plane's cockpit. Biplanes appear, and by using the right joystick, you maneuver your plane to get the enemy's biplane in your sights. Then, press the button on the joystick to fire the machine guns.

The object is to shoot as many planes as possible in about six minutes of flying time; approximately 30 seconds are allotted for each plane. The score formula in line 520 is based on the number of shots taken, hits, planes escaped, and total elapsed time. Speed and accuracy improve your score; misses and letting planes escape hurt it.

The program operates in a cycle that draws the plane, computes a new position, and reads the joystick. You can exit the cycle in only two ways: by successfully shooting a plane or by allowing a plane to escape.

Moving the joystick to the extreme right, left, top, or bottom will bring the enemy plane into your sights quickly; slightly moving the joystick makes the target plane move more slowly.

The value of the firing button is checked twice in each cycle (lines 300 and 340), to ensure that the button responds when pushed. If the button is pushed, memory location 65280 will contain either 126 or 254. If the button is not pushed, memory location 65280 will contain a 255.

The Sound function provides a tone burst with each shot. Line 380 contains

A(34,20)	Airplane graphics array
A	Horizontal position of the joystick
B	Vertical position of the joystick
G	Number of planes that escaped
H	Number of planes shot down
R	Number of planes presented
S	Shots taken
T	Elapsed time on current plane
TT	Total elapsed flight time
X	Horizontal distance from plane's center to center of sights
Y	Vertical distance from plane's center to center of sights

Table 1. List of Variables

Lines	Function
70-150	Draws airplane
250-280	Assures plane will be within screen boundaries
290	Draws the plane on the screen
300	Checks firing button
310	Generates random movement of the plane
340	Checks firing button
350-380	Firing routine
380	Boundary values to determine a hit or miss
400-430	Display for a hit
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the boundary values for determining if a shot hits or misses a plane; when a plane is hit, a series of tone bursts is generated. The difficulty of the program can be altered by changing the boundaries of a successful shot.

The position of the joystick is not read on every pass through the cycle. The value of MV alternates from -1 to 1. If MV = 1, the cycle is short circuited. The enemy plane is allowed to move more quickly.

Lines 70-150 draw the biplane and store the plane in a graphics array. The Put command is then used to rapidly draw the plane on the screen. The border of the array around the plane is a series of blanks. When a new plane is Put on the screen, it is printed directly over the old image without erasing it. Since the new image is in a slightly different position, the border of blanks assures the old image is entirely covered.

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10 GOTO650
20 PCLEAR4
30 PMODE3,1
40 DIMA(34,20)
50 PCLS
60 SCREEN1,1
70 FORI=4TO28:PSET(I,8,3):PSET(I,7,3):PSET(I,14,3):PSET(I,13,3):
NEXTI
80 FORI=5TO12:PSET(17,I,3):NEXTI
90 FORI=14TO18:PSET(I,10,3):PSET(I,12,3):NEXTI
100 FORI=9TO12:PSET(9,I,3):PSET(25,I,3):NEXTI
110 FORI=13TO21:PSET(I,11,3):NEXTI
120 PSET(17,9,3)
130 PSET(13,16,3):PSET(15,15,3):PSET(20,16,3):PSET(19,15,3)
140 PRESET(4,8,1):PRESET(28,8,1):PRESET(15,8,1):PRESET(19,8,1)
150 PRESET(4,14,1):PRESET(28,14,1)
160 GET(0,0)-(34,20),A,G
170 PCLS
180 R=1:T=0:TT=0:S=0:MV=1
190 X=0:Y=0
200 X=RND(200)-100:Y=RND(180)-90
210 A=0:B=0
220 PSET(128,86,0):PSET(128,106,0):PSET(108,96,0):PSET(148,96,0)
:PSET(128,85,0):PSET(128,107,0):PSET(106,96,0):PSET(150,96,0)
230 X=X+INT((32-A)/12):Y=Y+INT((32-B)/12)
240 T=T+1:IFT>84GOTO440
250 IFY>75THENY=75
260 IFY<-75THENY=-75
270 IFX<-112THENX=-112
280 IFX>108THENX=108
290 PUT(113+X,86+Y)-(147+X,106+Y),A,PSET
300 IFPEEK(65280)=126ORPEEK(65280)=254GOTO350
310 X=X+RND(5)-3:Y=Y+RND(3)-2
320 MV=-MV:IFMV=1GOTO240
330 A=JOYSTK(0):B=JOYSTK(1)
340 IFPEEK(65280)<>126ANDPEEK(65280)<>254GOTO220
350 S=S+1:SOUND50,2
360 LINE(64,192)-(128,96),PSET:LINE(192,192)-(128,96),PSET
370 LINE(64,192)-(128,96),PRESET:LINE(192,192)-(128,96),PRESET
380 IFX>-10ANDX<10ANDY>-5ANDY<5GOTO400
390 GOTO220
400 FORI=15TO30STEP5:CIRCLE(128,96),I,4,.4:NEXTI
410 FORI=15TO30STEP5:SOUND(200-I*2),1:CIRCLE(128,96),I,1,.4:NEXT
I
420 H=H+1
430 FORTM=1TO500:NEXTTM
440 PCLS
450 CLS
460 PRINTTAB(6)"AFTER ";R;"AIRPLANES":PRINT
470 PRINTTAB(5)"SHOTS      = ";S
480 PRINTTAB(5)"HITS      = ";H
490 IFT<=84GOTO510
500 PRINT"TOO MUCH TIME. HE GOT AWAY!":G=G+1
510 PRINTTAB(5)"GOT AWAY = ";G
520 TT=TT+T:PRINTTAB(5)"SCORE      = ";INT((250*R-TT)*SQR(TT/250*
R)*SQR(H/(S+1)))
530 IFTT>1008GOTO640
540 PRINT:PRINTTAB(5)"TIME REMAINING"
550 PRINT"MINUTES";TAB(16);"SECONDS":M=INT((1008-TT)/168):SC=INT
((1008-TT)-M*168)/2.8)
560 PRINTTAB(2);M;TAB(18);SC:PRINT
570 PRINT:PRINT"PRESS THE FIRING BUTTON TO CONT."
580 M=PEEK(65280):IFM<>126ANDM<>254GOTO580
590 PMODE3,1
600 PCLS
610 SCREEN1,1
620 T=0:R=R+1
630 GOTOL90
640 PRINT"TIME HAS EXPIRED":END
650 CLS
660 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10)"WORLD WAR I":PRINT:PRINT
670 PRINTTAB(11)"FLYING ACE"
680 FORTM=1TO1500:NEXTTM
690 CLS
700 PRINTTAB(10)"instructions":PRINT
710 PRINT"THE OBJECT OF THE GAME IS TO"
720 PRINT"SHOOT AS MANY AIRPLANES AS YOU"
730 PRINT"CAN IN THE TIME THAT IS GIVEN."
740 PRINT"YOU WILL BE ALLOWED 30 SECONDS"
750 PRINT"PER AIRPLANE AND A TOTAL OF 6"
760 PRINT"MINUTES OF FLYING TIME. YOUR"
770 PRINT"SCORE WILL BE BASED ON NO. OF":PRINT"PLANES SHOT DOWN
AND ACCURACY."
780 PRINT:INPUT"  PRESS <ENTER> TO CONT";Z$
790 GOTO200

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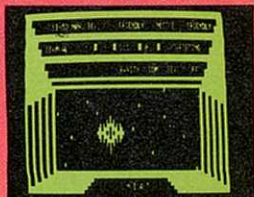
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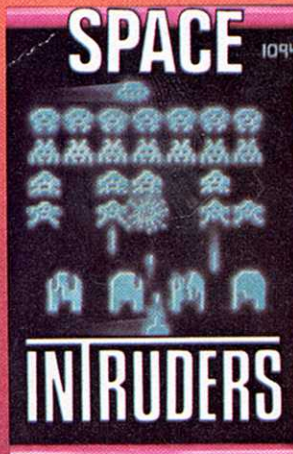


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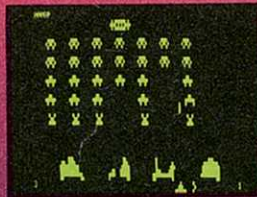
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For this reason, many polished and well-designed programs can benefit from having the Break key disabled. This is possible because whenever that key is pressed, the ROM interpreter momentarily sends program control to an address in random-access memory. That address, for Model I Level II Basic, is 16396.

If you instruct the computer to PRINT PEEK (16396) when the computer has been initialized

normally, you will find the value 201, which in machine language is an instruction to return to ROM. This sends program control back to where it started. If you PEEK at the next two addresses, you will find zeroes.

The statement POKE 16396,7 disables the Break key. When the Break key is hit after that, the instruction is no longer a return, but one which changes the information in the CPU's accumulator register. Program execution then passes through the zeroes in the next two bytes (nothing values), and then finds another return instruction at 16399. The result is that the computer "forgets" the Break key has been pressed, and so hitting the key does not interrupt your program. The statement POKE 16396,201 puts things back to normal.

POKEing a 7 (or several other serviceable values which affect the accumulator) is the best known way of disabling the Break key. This technique does not allow you to break out of a program even if you want to. You can press the reset button, but you cannot continue unless you know where to reenter the program. This technique also gives you a dead key on a keyboard which is already somewhat deficient in control keys. A better way to disable Break is to bring it under program control

like the rest of the keyboard.

Set up a program which will use a controlled Break key with the following series of POKES:

```
POKE 16396,195:POKE 16397,45:
POKE 16398,1
```

This reroutes program execution in ROM to a routine which sets up an L3 or Disk Basic Only error code. This works even if you are running Level II Basic under a disk system because the ROM routine assumes that the error has been correctly evaluated. Now if you press Break, you will get an L3 ERROR? message on the screen.

To use this modification creatively, you must write an appropriate error-trapping routine into the Basic program. Do this after the program is well along in development and thoroughly debugged; otherwise a real L3 error could foul things up. Set the On Error GOTO statement early in the program to direct control to the error-trap routine. There, in addition to any other error-handling statements needed, evaluate the ERR code for an L3 error. If ERR = 44, it means that

```
10 POKE 16397,45:POKE 16398,1
20 ON ERROR GOTO 1000
30 REM * MENU OF 5 ITEMS IS HERE
40 PRINT "SELECTION #1"
50 PRINT "SELECTION #2"

.
.
.
80 INPUT "SELECT 1-5";S
90 POKE 16396,195
100 ON S GOTO 200,300,400,500,600

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.
.
1000 IF ERR = 44 THEN RESUME 30
1010 POKE 16397,201:ON ERROR GOTO 0
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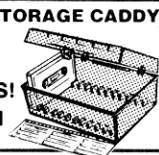
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the Break key has been pressed, and you can handle it as your program requires. The ERL function is available to tell you the program line under execution when the Break key was hit, so the break-handling routine can perform different operations for different parts of the program.

One useful application of this technique is to return you to the beginning of a program, or to a menu of options. You may have made an incorrect menu selection, or realize you have entered bad data, and want to restart your procedure. Coding these operator conveniences is cumbersome, and usually overlooked. By using this method, you can get out of an operation at any point, and redirect the program to a more desirable restart position.

The program skeleton in Listing 1 shows how this might be done. Line 10 sets up most of the disabling code, but leaves the first critical byte (16397) intact. Execution can still be broken normally through the menu selection. Line 20 defines

the error-trap routine. Lines 30-80 display the menu and solicit input. After that, the POKE in line 90 takes over the Break key, so that any subsequent break will be interpreted as an L3 error and cause a jump to the error-handling routine at line 1000.

If the test there indicates that the Break key has been pressed, the program resumes at the menu again. If all the error traps fall through, line 1010 restores the normal status of the Break key vector by POKEing the return instruction back into 16397. Then the On Error GOTO 0 turns off the error trap and ends the program.

The Break key can be toggled on and off as you wish in a program. For instance, if you replace line 30 by POKE 16397,201, it allows you to quit the program during menu selection. But at any other point in the program, after line 90, Break would first return control to the menu. ■

Technical note: All disk I/O will return an L3 or Disk Basic Only error message.



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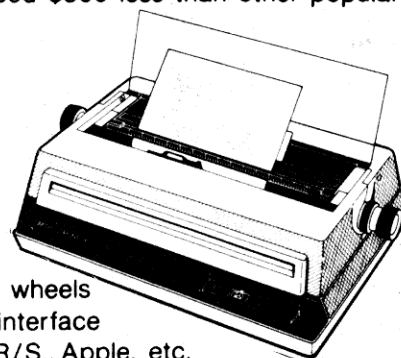
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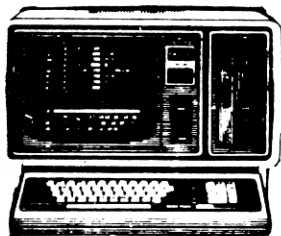
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I will never forget the day the May 1980 issue of *80 Micro* arrived. I had purchased a Line Printer II and was considering Michael Shrayser Software's Electric Pencil or Radio Shack's Scripsit. Instead I found Delmer D. Hinrichs' "Basic Word Processor" on page 50.

The Basic Word Processor was written for a 16K Model I TRS-80 with cassette file

text storage and a Comprint 912 printer using roll paper. I have a 32K Model I TRS-80, one disk drive, and the Line Printer II. I modified the program to take advantage of my system's expanded capabilities.

I added two commands to allow disk storage of text files and a command to allow form-letter printing. I expanded the Print command to allow continuous printing of linked text files, automatic paging for 9 1/2 by 11 fan-fold paper, and single-sheet printing for specialized 8 1/2 by 11 letterheads.

New Commands

When the Basic word processor displays Command?, enter the following additional, single-letter commands:

G	Get	Get a text file from disk.
W	Write	Write a text file to disk.
N	Notice	Continuously print text file as a form letter.
		Names and addresses are obtained from disk-based PIMs files.

Get, similar to Load, loads a previously written text file from disk. You are directed to enter the file name and extension. You have time to switch disks if your text file is on a different one. After the text file is loaded you return to the command mode.

Write, similar to Save, puts the present text file onto your disk. You will be directed to enter the file name and extension. You

have time to switch disks if you want to save the text file on a disk other than the one you have loaded. After the text file is written to disk you return to the command mode.

If you have converted SCELBI Publications' Personal Information Management System to use disk files (*80 Micro*, February 1980, page 80, "Floppy PIMS," by Morris Herman), Notice enables you to produce form letters. Enter the file name and extension of your label file. You have time to switch disks if your PIMS file is located on a different disk. As the computer reads each label record, the inside address and greeting are printed. A call to the Print routine prints the letter in the text buffer. The next label record is read and the process repeats until a form letter is produced for each label record on the PIMS file. After all letters are printed, you will return to the command mode.

Expanded Print Command

When a text file contains more than 125 lines of text response time slows to an intolerable rate. If you need more lines for your manuscript write the current text file to disk and start a new one keeping the format parameters constant. Repeat this procedure until your manuscript is finished.

The Key Box

Model I
Disk Basic
32K RAM
One disk drive
Line Printer II

70 A = ASC(AS) - 64:IFA<0ONAGOTO90,480,510,760,790,1220,1990,1320,1350,
1390,1510,1520,1580,80,80,1640,80,1750,1770,80,80,1830,2080,1970

1330 PRINT "A ADD", "B BLANK", "C COMPILE", "D DELETE", "E EDIT",
"F FORMAT", "G GET", "H HELP", "I INSERT", "J JUSTIFY", "K KILL",
"L LOAD", "M MOVE", "P PRINT", "R REPLACE", "S SAVE", "V VIDEO",
"W WRITE", "X EXIT"

Figure 1

MT\$	Multiple text file indicator (Y/N).
NA\$	Disk text file name and extension.
SS\$	Single-sheet forms feed indicator (Y/N).
AP	Number of lines already printed.
EF	End of PIMS file indicator.
EP	End of page.
G	Physical number of lines per page.
PR	PIMS record number.
TL	Current text line number for Print command.

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Structure Definition	Example
1: NAME,A	Mr. John Q. Doe
2: ADD1,A	123 House Lane
3: ADD2,A	Somewhere, ST 99999
4: ADD3,A	
5: ADD4,A	
6: DEAR,A	John
7: SORT,A	Doe, JQ

Figure 2

file name and extension of the next text file. You have time to switch disks if your next file is on a different one. When you are ready to continue, press Enter and the procedure will repeat. After the last text file, enter End in response to the file name prompt to return to the command mode.

In addition to linked text files, the Print command automatically skips to the beginning of the next page after printing the specified number of lines per page at an end-of-page character (ASCII 17). Line 1740 uses the LPRINT "" statement for automatic paging. Paging is dependent on your response to the page size parameter. The default value is 66, the number of lines on a page of 9 1/2 by 11 fan-fold paper.

Finally, the Print command permits print-

Program Listing 1

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10 CLS:PRINTTAB(20)"BASIC WORD PROCESSOR"
20 ' (C) BY D.D.HINRICH 1979
30 DEFINT A-Z: CLEAR 10000: NL=200: DIM A$(NL), X$(3), S(20), T(20)
40 B$=CHR$(30): C$=CHR$(143): F$="### " : N$="Y": P$="N": PL$="Y": S$="N": G=66
50 S$=" " : H$=S$: LA=-1: P=1: FP=1: PL=15: LL=60: LM=10: U=32: OUT254,1
60 L=LA: IT=0: R=0: A$="": PRINT: INPUT "COMMAND"; A$: IFA$="" : GOTO 80
70 A=ASC(A$)-64: IFA>0: ON AGOTO 90, 480, 510, 760, 790, 1220, 1990, 1320, 13
50, 1390, 1510, 1520, 1580, 2190, 80, 1640, 80, 1750, 1770, 80, 80, 1830, 2080
, 1970
80 PRINT "*** ENTRY ERROR ***": GOTO 60
90 CLS: D=0: N$="Y": IFLA<0 THEN NL=0: GOTO 130 ' ADD
100 IF NL=LA+1 THEN 210 ELSE IF L>FL+12 THEN NL=L-12 ELSE NL=FL
110 FOR I=BTOL: X=LEN(A$(I)): D=D+INT((X+4)/64-.01)
120 GOSUB 1910: NEXT I: L=L+1
130 C=(L-FL+D)*64: IFC>896: PRINT: PRINT: C=896
140 PRINT C, USING F$; L; : PRINT A$(L); : P=LEN(A$(L))+1: C=C+P+3: K=L+1
150 PRINT C, C$; : A$=INKEY$: PRINT C, S$; : IFA$="" : GOTO 150
160 GOSUB 290: ON A-7 GOTO 360, 410, 310
170 IFA=13 THEN A$=S$: GOTO 210 ELSE IFA=24 THEN 380 ELSE IFA=31 GOTO 460
180 IFA=25 THEN 430 ELSE IFA=26 THEN 330
190 IFA=96 IFLA<L THEN LA=L: GOTO 60 ELSE 60
200 PRINT C, A$; : A$(L)=A$(L)+A$: IFC<=LL THEN P=P+1: C=C+1: GOTO 150
210 IF GOTO 60 ELSE IF NL<K: PRINT: PRINT "FILE FULL": LA=NL-1: GOTO 60
220 IF LEN(A$(K)) THEN NL=K: GOSUB 1360
230 IF K>L THEN LA=K
240 IFA$=S$ GOTO 280
250 FORM=LL+1 TO 2 STEP -1: A$=MID$(A$(L), M, 1): IFA$<>S$ NEXT M: GOTO 280
260 A$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(L), LL-M+1): A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L), M-1)
270 PRINT C-L+M-1, B$; : L=K: GOTO 130
280 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L), LL): L=K: GOTO 130
290 A=ASC(A$): IFA>64 AND A<91 THEN A=A+U ELSE IFA>96 AND A<123 THEN A=A-U
300 A$=CHR$(A): RETURN
310 IF P>LL GOTO 210 ' D
320 PRINT C, CHR$(92); : A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(17): A$=S$: GOTO 210
330 IF P>LL GOTO 210 ' S-D
340 C=(L-FL+D)*64+4: IFC>900 THEN C=900
350 GOSUB 1180: P=1: A$=S$: GOTO 210
360 IF P=1 GOTO 150 ' L
370 C=C-1: PRINT C, B$; : P=P-1: A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L), P-1): GOTO 150
380 IF P=1 GOTO 150 ' S-L
390 A$(L)="" : P=1: C=(L-FL+D)*64+4: IFC>900 THEN C=900
400 PRINT C, B$; : GOTO 150
410 IF P>LL-6 GOTO 150 ' R
420 A$(L)=A$(L)+STRING$(5, S$): C=C+5: P=P+5: GOTO 150
430 IF P>LL GOTO 210 ' S-R
440 C=(L-FL+D)*64+4: IFC>900 THEN C=900
450 GOSUB 1200: P=1: A$=S$: GOTO 210
460 IF P>LL GOTO 210 ' CL
470 PRINT C, CHR$(93); : A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(20): A$=S$: GOTO 210
480 CLS: PRINT "DELETING BLANK LINES": FOR J=L TO 0 STEP -1 ' BLANK
490 IFA$(J)="" : FOR I=J TO LA: A$(I)=A$(I+1): NEXT I: A$(LA)="" : LA=LA-1
500 NEXT J: IF R THEN RETURN ELSE 1830
510 INPUT "FIRST LINE TO COMPILE"; F: IF F<0 THEN F=0 ' COMPILE
520 INPUT "LAST LINE TO COMPILE"; Z: IF Z>L THEN Z=LA
530 IF F>Z THEN 80 ELSE CLS: PRINT "COMPILING": FOR L=FTOZ-1: K=L+1
540 X=LEN(A$(L)): X$="" : IF X<2 THEN 620 ELSE IF X<=LL GOTO 600
550 FOR I=X TO 1 STEP -1: A$=MID$(A$(L), I, 1)
560 IFA$<>S$ THEN X$=A$+X$: NEXT I: GOTO 600 ELSE IF X$="" NEXT I

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Listing 1 continues

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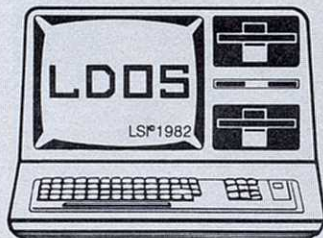
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ORLP:=2TOHA!PRINT@32,"primes found
FHA!/LP:=INT(HA!/LP!)THENGOTO48"CH
EXTLP:=IFVAL(FAS)=LO!THENFAS="* Pr
R!(COX)=LO! on this scan"USING##,
RS(COX)=FAS LEN(FAS)-1)FORLO:=ST!T
OX=COX:PSX=PSX+1ELSEFAS=LEFTS(FAS,
ORLP:=OTO10PRINT@0,"factoring "US
RINT@64*LP!+192,PR!(LOX).PRS(LOX):
OX=LOX-INPUT"ORIGIN OF SCAN":INS@
FLOX=-1IFVAL(INS):2THEN1ING"###,##
EXTLP:ST:=INT(VAL(INS))##:PSX:RS
OX=COX+INPUT" END OF SCAN":INS@
FCOX=11EN:=INT(VAL(INS))IMPR!(LO),
FHA!/LP:=INT(HA!/LP!)THENGOTO48"CH
EXTLP:=IFVAL(FAS)=LO!THENFAS="* Pr
R!(COX)=LO! on this scan"USING##,
RS(COX)=FAS LEN(FAS)-1)FORLO:=ST!T
OX=COX:PSX=PSX+1ELSEFAS=LEFTS(FAS,
ORLP:=OTO10PRINT@0,"factoring "US
RINT@64*LP!+192,PR!(LOX).PRS(LOX):
OX=LOX-INPUT"ORIGIN OF SCAN":INS@
FLOX=-1IFVAL(INS):2THEN1ING"###,##
EXTLP:ST:=INT(VAL(INS))##:PSX:RS
OX=COX+INPUT" END OF SCAN":INS@
ORLP:=2TOHA!PRINT@32,"primes found
FHA!/LP:=INT(HA!/LP!)THENGOTO48"CH
```

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"IF ACCNT.OVERDUE #>
0 THEN GOSUB
@PRINT.DUN"
rather than
"IFAO#>0 THEN
GOSUB52130"
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570 A=ASC(RIGHT$(X$,1)):IFA=33ORA=46ORA=58ORA=63THENX$=X$+"
580 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):IFLEN(A$(K))=0THENA$(K)=X$:GOTO540
590 A$(K)=X$+S$+A$(K):GOTO540
600 X=LEN(A$(L)):IFX<2THEN620ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1
610 IFRIGHT$(A$(L),1)=S$THENA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):NEXTI
620 NEXTL:FORL=FTOZ-1:K=L+1
630 X=LEN(A$(L)):Y=LEN(A$(K)):X$="":IFX=0ORY=0GOTO750
640 A=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(L),1))
650 IFA=33ORA=46ORA=58ORA=63THENA$(L)=A$(L)+"":X=X+2
660 FORI=1TOY:A$=MID$(A$(K),I,1)
670 IFA$<>S$THENX$=X$+A$:NEXTIELSEIFX$=""NEXTI
680 IFL-L-X<IGOTO710
690 Y=Y-I:IFY<0THENY=0
700 A$(L)=A$(L)+S$+X$:A$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(K),Y):GOTO630
710 X=LEN(A$(L)):IFX<2THEN730ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1
720 IFRIGHT$(A$(L),1)=S$THENA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):NEXTI
730 IFY<2THEN750ELSEFORI=YTO2STEP-1
740 IPLEFT$(A$(K),1)=S$THENA$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(K),I-1):NEXTI
750 NEXTL:X=LEN(A$(Z)):GOTO900
760 INPUT"FIRST LINE TO DELETE";F:IFF<0THENF=0'DELETE
770 INPUT"LAST LINE TO DELETE";Z:IFZ>LATHENZ=LA
780 IFF>ZTHEN800ELSEFORI=FTOZ:A$(I)=""NEXTI:GOTO1830
790 INPUT"EDIT LINE";L:IFL<0ORL>LAORA$(L)=""GOTO800'EDIT
800 C=4:P=1:X$(0)=A$(L):N$="Y"
810 CLS:I=L:GOSUB1910:N=1:Q$=""
820 GOSUB910:IFA>47ANDA<58THENQ$=Q$+A$:N=VAL(Q$):GOTO820
830 M=0:IFA=8THENY=-1:GOSUB940ELSEIFA=9ORA=UTHENY=1:GOSUB940
840 IFA=97THENA$(L)=X$(0):GOTO800'A
850 IFLEN(A$(L))>=LLGOTO870
860 IFA=25GOSUB1200ELSEIFA=26GOSUB1180
870 IFA>98ONA=98GOSUB960,1000,1960,1960,1960,1020,1030
880 IFA=115GOSUB1120ELSEIFA=120GOSUB1170ELSEIFA=108GOTO800
890 IFM=1THENN=1:Q$=""GOTO820ELSEIFRPRINT0320,;ELSE810
900 IFL<XPRINT"LINE";L;"HAS";X;"CHARACTERS":GOTO60ELSE60
910 X$=MID$(A$(L),P,1)
920 PRINT@C,C$;A$=INKEY$:PRINT@C,X$;IFA$=""GOTO920
930 GOSUB290:X=LEN(A$(L)):IFA=13ORA=96THENR=1:RETURNELSERETURN
940 M=1:FORI=1TON:P=P+Y:IFP>XTHENP=X:RETURN
950 IFP<1THENP=1:RETURNELSEC=C+Y:NEXTI:RETURN
960 Q=P:D=C:FORI=1TON:GOSUB910:IFRORA=27THENP=Q:C=D:RETURN'C
970 PRINT@C,A$;GOSUB1100:P=P+1:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+A$+R$
980 A=U:C=C+1:IFP<XNEXTI
990 P=Q:C=D:RETURN
1000 IFP+N-1>XTHENN=X-P+1'D
1010 GOSUB1100:Q=P:P=P+N:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+R$:P=Q:RETURN
1020 GOSUB1100:A$(L)=L$+S$:PRINT@C,B$'H
1030 GOSUB910:IFRORA=27RETURN'I
1040 IFA=10THENA$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(17):R=1:RETURN
1050 IFA=31THENA$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(20):R=1:RETURN
1060 PRINT@C,A$;IFA=8THENY=-1:GOSUB940:GOTO1030
1070 IFA=9THENY=1:GOSUB940:GOTO1030ELSEIFP>XTHENX=P
1080 GOSUB1100:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+A$+R$:PRINT@C,B$;A$+R$
1090 C=C+1:P=P+1:GOTO1030
1100 L$="":IFP<2RETURNELSEL$=LEFT$(A$(L),P-1):RETURN
1110 R$="":IFP>XRETURNELSER$=RIGHT$(A$(L),X-P+1):RETURN
1120 GOSUB910:Q=P:D=C'S
1130 FORI=1TON:F=0:FORJ=Q+1TOX:D=D+1
1140 IFMID$(A$(L),J,1)=A$THENF=1:Q=J:J=X
1150 NEXTJ:NEXTI:IFPTHENP=Q:C=D
1160 A=U:RETURN
1170 A$(L)=A$(L)+S$:P=X+1:C=P+3:GOTO1030'X
1180 A$(L)=STRING$(LL-LEN(A$(L)),2,32)+A$(L)+CHR$(20)'S-D
1190 PRINT@C,B$;A$(L);CHR$(93):RETURN
1200 A$(L)=STRING$(LL-LEN(A$(L)),32)+A$(L)'S-R
1210 PRINT@C,B$;A$(L):RETURN
1220 CLS:PRINT"LINE LENGTH =";LL,:INPUT"NEW =";LL'FORMAT
1230 PRINT"LINE SPACES =";S,:INPUT"NEW =";S
1240 PRINT"LINE NOS. =";N$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)";N$
1250 PRINT"FIRST LINE =";FL,:INPUT"NEW =";FL
1260 PRINT"LEFT MARGIN =";LM,:INPUT"NEW =";LM
1270 PRINT"PAGE LENGTH =";PL,:INPUT"NEW =";PL
1280 PRINT"PAGE NOS. =";PN$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)";PN$
1290 PRINT"FIRST PAGE =";FP,:INPUT"NEW =";FP
1300 PRINT"PAGE 1 NO. =";P1$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)";P1$
1310 PRINT"HEADING =";H$,:INPUT"NEW =";H$
1315 PRINT"SINGLE SHEET FEED =";SS$,:INPUT"NEW =";SS$
1317 PRINT"PAGE SIZE =";G$,:INPUT"NEW =";G$:GOTO60
1320 CLS:PRINT"LEGAL COMMANDS ARE:"'HELP
1330 PRINT"A ADD","B BLANK","C COMPILE","D DELETE","E EDIT",
      "F FORMAT","G GET","H HELP","I INSERT","J JUSTIFY","K
      KILL","L LOAD","M MOVE","N NOTICE","P PRINT","R REPLACE",
      "S SAVE","V VIDEO","W WRITE","X EXIT"
1340 PRINT"KEY 'SHIFT-@' TWICE TO RETURN FROM A,E,I,R TO COMMAND
      MODE":GOTO60
1350 INPUT"INSERT AT LINE";L:IFL<0ORL>LAGOTO800'INSERT
1360 IFNL=LA+1PRINT"FILE FULL":GOTO60ELSEIFRGOTO60
1370 FORI=LATOLSTEP-1:A$(I+1)=A$(I):NEXTI
1380 A$(L)=""LA=LA+1:L=L-1:IFITRETURNELSEIT=1:GOTO90

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Listing 1 continues

ing single sheets of typing paper or letterheads. When the Print command encounters an end-of-page you can remove the sheet just printed, load and align the next sheet, and hit Enter to continue printing.

Disk Storage

Disk Storage of text files brings speed and reliability to your word processing activities. To install the disk storage changes, alter lines 70 and 1330 as in Fig. 1.

Add line 5, lines 1990-2180, and change line 1780 (see Program Listing 1).

Load each of your cassette text files and write them to disk. If you also wish to keep a copy on tape, resave each file at this time.

Change line 30 and line 1530 as shown in Program Listing 1.

Notice Command

The Notice command enables you to send short form letters to any list for which you have PIMS records for printing labels. To install the Notice changes alter line 70 and line 1330, and add lines 2190-2370 as shown in Program Listing 1.

Follow the instructions for installing the Expanded Print command (see below). The form letter (Notice) command depends on these changes.

Create a PIMS file with the structure definition in Fig. 2.

Notice requires the first five fields of a PIMS record for the name and address. Any blank lines will not be printed. The sixth field contains the name to appear in the greeting. The seventh field is optional, and only suggested if you wish to produce sorted label files from PIMS. The inside address produced from the label record above is as follows:

Mr. John Q. Doe
123 House Lane
Somewhere, ST 99999

Dear John:

If you have a PIMS label file without the sixth field as shown, use the first line of the name and address in the greeting. Make the following change to line 2320:

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2320 J=J+(S+1):LPRINTTAB(LM)"DEAR ";B$(I-5);"";
      IFSLPRINT STRING$(S,138)

```

Expanded Print Command

The Expanded Print command enables you to print form letters, multiple text files and single sheets of typing paper. To take advantage of the Expanded Print command, change line 40, line 1310 and add lines 1315-1317. Replace lines 1640-1740 with lines 1640-1748 (see Listing 1).

For Cassette Files

If you have more than 16K memory, but no disk storage capabilities, make the following changes to install the Notice and Expanded Print commands.


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1390 CLS:PRINT"JUSTIFYING":FORL=0TOLA:X=LEN(A$(L)) 'JUSTIFY
1400 IFX<2GOTO1500ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1:A=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(L),1))
1410 IFA=UTHEA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):X=X-1:NEXTI
1420 IFX>=LLORA=17ORA=20THEN1500ELSEJ=0:K=1:FORI=1TOX
1430 IFMID$(A$(L),I,1)<>S$THENK=0ELSEIFK=0THENK=1:S(J)=I:J=J+1
1440 NEXTI:IFJ=0GOTO1500
1450 K=RND(J)-1:IFINT(J/2)=J/2ORJ=1THENN=1ELSEN=2
1460 FORI=1TOLA-X:T(K)=T(K)+1:K=K+N:IFK>J-1THENK=K-J
1470 NEXTI:FORI=J-1TO0STEP-1:A$=STRING$(T(I),S$):T(I)=0
1480 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),S(I))+A$+RIGHT$(A$(L),LEN(A$(L))-S(I))
1490 NEXTI
1500 NEXTL:GOTO1830
1510 CLS:INPUT"REALLY KILL (Y/N)";A$:IFA$="Y"THENRUNELSE60'KILL
1520 GOSUB1820:CLS:PRINT"LOADING" 'LOAD
1530 INPUT#-1,LA,LL,S,N$,FL,LM,PL,PN$,FP,PL$,H$,SS$,G
1540 FORI=0TOLASTEP4
1545 INPUT#-1,X$(0),X$(1),X$(2),X$(3)
1550 FORJ=0TO3:L=I+J:X=LEN(X$(J)):A$(L)="" :IFX<1GOTO1570
1560 FORK=1TOX:A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(ASC(MID$(X$(J),K,1))-128):NEXTK
1570 NEXTJ:NEXTI:GOTO60
1580 INPUT"FIRST LINE TO MOVE";F:IFF<0THENF=0 'MOVE
1590 INPUT"LAST LINE TO MOVE";Z:IFZ>LATHENZ=LA
1600 IFF>ZTHEN80ELSEINPUT"FIRST NEW LINE";N:FORI=FTOZ
1610 IFLEN(A$(N))PRINT"LINE";N;"NOT EMPTY":GOTO60
1620 A$(N)=A$(I):A$(I)="" :N=N+1:IFN>LATHENZ=LA
1630 NEXTI:GOTO1830
1640 IFR=2THEN1647ELSEIFPEEK(14312)=>128THENINPUT"PRINTER NOT RE
ADY. ABORT (Y/N)";A$:IFA$="Y"THEN60ELSE1640 'PRINT
1645 R=1:MT$="" :INPUT"MULTIPLE TEXT FILES (Y/N)";MT$:IFMT$<>"Y"AN
DMT$<>"N"GOTO1645
1647 EP=PL*(S+1)
1650 GOSUB480:CLS:PRINT"PRINTING"
1660 X=FP:TL=FL:IFR<>2THENAP=0
1670 IFAP<>0GOTO1700
1680 IFPN$<>"Y"OR(PL$="N"ANDX=1)THENLPRINT" "ELSELPRINTTAB(LM)H$
;STRING$(LL-LEN(H$)-7," ");"Page";USING"###";X
1690 LPRINT" ":AP=AP+2
1700 LPRINTTAB(LM);:IFN$="Y"THENLPRINTUSINGF$,TL;
1705 LPRINTA$(TL)
1710 IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
1720 AP=AP+(S+1):TL=TL+1

```

Listing 1 continues

Change line 70, line 1330, lines 2170-2180, lines 2195-2220 and lines 2230-2390 as in Program Listing 2.

Create a PIMS file as in Fig. 2. Change line 40, lines 1640-1748, line 1780, and lines 1310-1317 as in Program Listing 2.

Load and resave all of your Basic Word Processor cassette text files. If this step is omitted the modified Load command will not work properly.

Change lines 1520, 1530, and 1570 of the Load command and add line 1525 as in Program Listing 2.

To re-emphasize a point made by Mr. Hinrichs in his original article, "Speed is the most noticeable problem, but is inherent in Basic strings." You will find speed less of a problem in the Expanded Print command. By splitting your manuscript into smaller segments you are less affected by the pauses associated with Basic string reassignment. You can still print it as one continuous manuscript. Disk storage and retrieval of text files will greatly reduce the time required for your word processing needs.

Mr. Hinrichs warns that added program features will cause you to exceed 16K memory. My system has 32K memory; your system should also exceed 16K memory to add the above modifications. ■

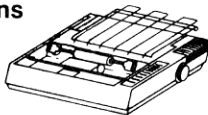
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1730 IFAP=<EPANDASC(RIGHT$(A$(TL-1),1))><17GOTO1744
1740 FORI=1TO(G-AP):LPRINT" ":NEXT:X=X+1:AP=0
1742 IFSS$="Y"THENINPUT"FEED NEXT SHEET, HIT ENTER";A$
1744 IFTL=<LAGOTO1670
1746 IFMT$="Y"GOSUB1990:IFLEFT$(NA$,3)<>"END"THENTL=FL:GOTO1670:
ELSEMT$="N"
1747 IFAP<>0THEN1740
1748 IFR=2THENRETURNELSER=0:GOTO60
1750 INPUT"REPLACE LINE";L:IFL<0ORL>LAGOTO80 ' REPLACE
1760 R=1:A$(L)="":L=L-1:GOTO90
1770 GOSUB1820:CLS:PRINT"SAVING" ' SAVE
1780 PRINT#-1,LA,LL,S,CHR$(34)+N$+CHR$(34),FL,LM,PL,CHR$(34)+PN$
+CHR$(34),FP,CHR$(34)+P1$+CHR$(34),CHR$(34)+H$+CHR$(34),CHR$(34)
+SS$+CHR$(34),G:FORL=0TOLASTEP4
1790 FORJ=0TO3:I=L+J:X=LEN(A$(I)):X$(J)="":IFX<1GOTO1810
1800 FORK=1TOX:X$(J)=X$(J)+CHR$(ASC(MID$(A$(I),K,1))+128):NEXTK
1810 NEXTJ:PRINT#-1,X$(0),X$(1),X$(2),X$(3):NEXTL:GOTO60
1820 INPUT"READY CASSETTE, THEN PRESS ENTER";A$:RETURN
1830 CLS:X=FP-1:FORM=FLTOLASTEPPL:X=X+1 ' VIDEO
1840 IFP1$="N"ANDX=1GOTO1860
1850 IFPN$="Y"PRINTH$;TAB(LL-7)"Page";USING"###";X:PRINT
1860 FORI=MTOM+PL-1:IFI>LAGOTO1890
1870 IFSPRINTSTRING$(S-1,10)
1880 GOSUB1910
1890 NEXTI:A$="":IFI<LAINPUT"PRESS ENTER";A$:IFA$<>"M=LA
1900 NEXTM:L=LA:GOTO60
1910 Y=LEN(A$(I)):IFYTHENA=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(I),1))ELSEA=0
1920 IFN$="Y"PRINTUSINGF$;I;
1930 PRINTA$(I):IFA=17PRINTCHR$(92);
1940 IFA=20PRINTCHR$(93);ELSEIFA=UPRINTCHR$(95);
1950 IFN$<>"Y"ORY<>60PRINT
1960 RETURN
1970 CLS:INPUT"REALLY EXIT (Y/N)";A$:IFA$<>"Y"GOTO60 ' EXIT
1980 CLS:CLEAR50:OUT254,0:END
1990 GOSUB2170:GOSUB2180:PRINT"GETTING TEXT FROM DISK" ' GET
1995 IFLEFT$(NA$,3)="END"THENRETURN
2000 OPEN"I",1,NA$
2010 INPUT#1,LA,LL,S,N$,FL,LM,PL,PN$,FP,P1$,H$,SS$,G
2020 FORI=0TOLA
2025 IF EOF(1)THEN2060
2030 LINE INPUT#1,A$(I)

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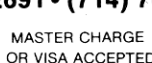
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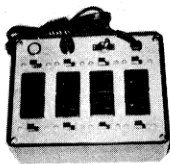
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2060 NEXTI
2070 CLOSE 1:IFRTHENRETURNELSEGOTO60
2080 GOSUB2170:GOSUB2180:PRINT"WRITING TEXT TO DISK" ' WRITE
2090 OPEN"O",1,NA$
2100 PRINT#1,LA,LL,S;CHR$(34);N$;CHR$(34);FL;LM;PL;CHR$(34);PN$;
CHR$(34);FP;CHR$(34);PL$;CHR$(34);CHR$(34);H$;CHR$(34);CHR$(34);
SS$;CHR$(34);G
2110 FORI=0TOLA
2120 X=LEN(A$(I)):IFX<1GOTO2150
2140 PRINT#1,A$(I)
2150 NEXTI
2160 CLOSE 1:GOTO60
2170 CLS:INPUT"ENTER FILE NAME";NA$:RETURN
2180 INPUT"READY DISK, THEN PRESS ENTER";A$:RETURN
2190 IFPEEK(14312)=>128THENINPUT"PRINTER NOT READY. ABORT(Y/N)";
A$:IFA$="Y"THEN60ELSE2190 ' NOTICE
2195 GOSUB2170:GOSUB2180:PRINT"READING PIMS FILE":OPEN"I",2,NA$
2200 PR=-1:EF=0
2210 IFEFTHEN2340ELSEPR=PR+1:LINEINPUT#2,T$
2220 IFEOF(2)THENEF=1
2230 IFPR<>0THEN2240ELSE2210
2240 TL$=CHR$(126):GOSUB2350
2250 J=0
2255 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":J=J+2
2260 FORI=1TO5
2270 ILEFT$(B$(I),1)<>"ANDLEFT$(B$(I),1)<>"THENLPRINTTAB(LM)
B$(I):J=J+(S+1):IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2300 NEXTI
2310 J=J+(S+1):LPRINT" ":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2320 J=J+(S+1):LPRINTTAB(LM)"Dear ";B$(I);":":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,
138)
2325 J=J+(S+1):LPRINT" ":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2330 AP=J:R=2:GOSUB1640:GOTO2210
2340 CLOSE2:R=0:GOTO60
2350 J=-1 ' UNPARSE LABELS
2360 I=INSTR(T$,TL$):IFI=0THENRETURN
2370 J=J+1:B$(J)=LEFT$(T$,I-1):T$=MID$(T$,I+1):GOTO2360
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10 CLS:PRINTTAB(20)"BASIC WORD PROCESSOR"
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30 DEFINT A-Z:CLEAR10000:NL=200:DIMA$(NL),X$(3),S(20),T(20)
40 B$=CHR$(30):C$=CHR$(143):F$="###":N$="Y":PN$="N":PL$="Y":SS$
="N":G=66
50 SS$="":H$=S$:LA=-1:P=1:FP=1:PL=15:LL=60:LM=10:U=32:OUT254,1
60 L=LA:IT=0:R=0:A$="":PRINT:INPUT"COMMAND";A$:IFA$=""GOTO80
70 A=ASC(A$)-64:IFA>0ONAGOTO90,480,510,760,790,1220,80,1320,1350
,1390,1510,1520,1580,2190,80,1640,80,1750,1770,80,80,1830,80,197
0
80 PRINT"*** ENTRY ERROR ***":GOTO60
90 CLS:D=0:N$="Y":IFLA<0THENL=0:GOTO130 ' ADD
100 IFNL=LA+1THEN210ELSEIFL>FL+12THENB=L-12ELSEB=FL
110 FORI=BTOL:X=LEN(A$(I)):D=D+INT((X+4)/64-.01)
120 GOSUB1910:NEXTI:L=L+1
130 C=(L-FL+D)*64:IFC>896PRINT:PRINT:C=896
140 PRINT@C,USINGF$;L;:PRINTA$(L);:P=LEN(A$(L))+1:C=C+P+3:K=L+1
150 PRINT@C,C$;A$=INKEY$:PRINT@C,S$;:IFA$=""GOTO150
160 GOSUB290:ONA-7GOTO360,410,310
170 IFA=13THENA$=S$:GOTO210ELSEIFA=24THEN380ELSEIFA=31GOTO460
180 IFA=25THEN430ELSEIFA=26THEN330
190 IFA=96IFLA<LTHENLA=L:GOTO60ELSE60
200 PRINT@C,A$;A$(L)=A$(L)+A$:IFP<=LLTHENP=P+1:C=C+1:GOTO150
210 IFRGOTO60ELSEIFNL<=KPRINT:PRINT"FILE FULL":LA=NL-1:GOTO60
220 IFLEN(A$(K))THENL=K:GOSUB1360
230 IFK>LATHENLA=K
240 IFA$=S$GOTO280
250 FORM=LL+1TO2STEP-1:A$=MID$(A$(L),M,1):IFA$<>S$NEXTM:GOTO280
260 A$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(L),LL-M+1):A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),M-1)
270 PRINT@C-LL+M-1,B$;L=K:GOTO130
280 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),LL):L=K:GOTO130
290 A=ASC(A$):IFA>64ANDA<91THENA=A+UELSEIFA>96ANDA<123THENA=A-U
300 A$=CHR$(A):RETURN
310 IFP>LLGOTO210 ' D
320 PRINT@C,CHR$(92);:A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(17):A$=S$:GOTO210
330 IFP>LLGOTO210 ' S-D
340 C=(L-FL+D)*64+4:IFC>900THENC=900
350 GOSUB1180:P=1:A$=S$:GOTO210
360 IFP=1GOTO150 ' L
370 C=C-1:PRINT@C,B$;:P=P-1:A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),P-1):GOTO150
380 IFP=1GOTO150 ' S-L
390 A$(L)=""P=1:C=(L-FL+D)*64+4:IFC>900THENC=900
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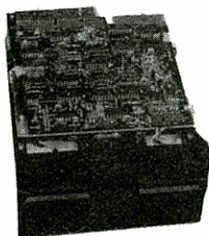
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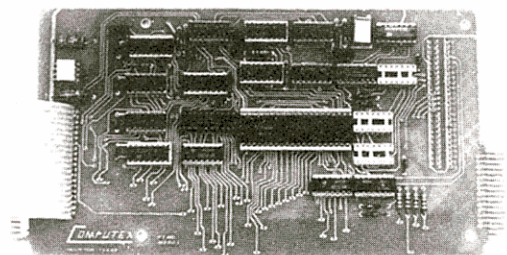


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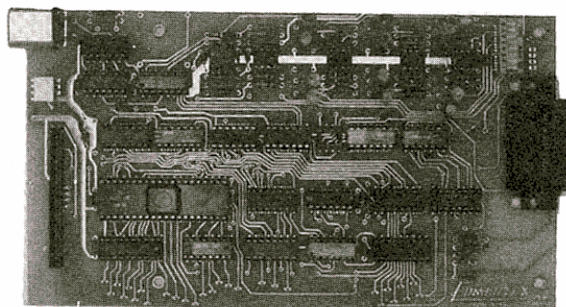
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400 PRINT@C,B$;GOTO150
410 IFP>LL-6GOTO150 ' R
420 A$(L)=A$(L)+STRING$(5,S$):C=C+5:P=P+5;GOTO150
430 IFP>LLGOTO210 ' S-R
440 C=(L-FL+D)*64+4:IFC>900THENC=900
450 GOSUB1200:P=1:A$=S$:GOTO210
460 IFP>LLGOTO210 ' CL
470 PRINT@C,CHR$(93);A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(20):A$=S$:GOTO210
480 CLS:PRINT"DELETING BLANK LINES":FORJ=LATO0STEP-1 ' BLANK
490 IFA$(J)=""FORI=JTOLA:A$(I)=A$(I+1):NEXTI:A$(LA)=""LA=LA-1
500 NEXTJ:IFRTHENRETURNELSE1830
510 INPUT"FIRST LINE TO COMPILE",F:IFF<0THENF=0 ' COMPILE
520 INPUT"LAST LINE TO COMPILE",Z:IFZ>LATHENZ=LA
530 IFZ=ZTHEN80ELSECLS:PRINT"COMPILING":FORL=PTOZ-1:K=L+1
540 X=LEN(A$(L)):X$=""IFX<2THEN620ELSEIFX<LLGOTO600
550 FORI=XTO1STEP-1:A$=MID$(A$(L),I,1)
560 IFA$<>S$THENX$=A$+X$:NEXTI:GOTO600ELSEIFX$=""NEXTI
570 A=ASC(RIGHT$(X$,1)):IFA=33ORA=46ORA=58ORA=63THENX$=X$+" "
580 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):IFLEN(A$(K))=0THENA$(K)=X$:GOTO540
590 A$(K)=X$+S$+A$(K):GOTO540
600 X=LEN(A$(L)):IFX<2THEN620ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1
610 IFRIGHT$(A$(L),1)=S$THENA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):NEXTI
620 NEXTL:FORL=PTOZ-1:K=L+1
630 X=LEN(A$(L)):Y=LEN(A$(K)):X$=""IFX=0ORY=0GOTO750
640 A=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(L),1))
650 IFA=33ORA=46ORA=58ORA=63THENA$(L)=A$(L)+" "X=X+2
660 FORI=1TOY:A$=MID$(A$(K),I,1)
670 IFA$<>S$THENX$=X$+A$:NEXTIELSEIFX$=""NEXTI
680 IFLL-X<IGOTO710
690 Y=Y-I:IFY<0THENY=0
700 A$(L)=A$(L)+S$+X$:A$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(K),Y):GOTO630
710 X=LEN(A$(L)):IFX<2THEN730ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1
720 IFRIGHT$(A$(L),1)=S$THENA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):NEXTI
730 IFY<2THEN750ELSEFORI=YTO2STEP-1
740 IFLEFT$(A$(L),1)=S$THENA$(K)=RIGHT$(A$(K),I-1):NEXTI
750 NEXTL:X=LEN(A$(Z)):GOTO900
760 INPUT"FIRST LINE TO DELETE",F:IFF<0THENF=0 ' DELETE
770 INPUT"LAST LINE TO DELETE",Z:IFZ>LATHENZ=LA
780 IFZ=ZTHEN80ELSEFORI=PTOZ:A$(I)=""NEXTI:GOTO1830
790 INPUT"EDIT LINE",L:IFL<0ORL>LAORA$(L)=""GOTO80 ' EDIT
800 C=4:P=1:X$(0)=A$(L):N$=""Y"
810 CLS:I=L:GOSUB1910:N=1:Q$=""
820 GOSUB910:IFA>47ANDA<58THENQ$=Q$+A$:N=VAL(Q$):GOTO820
830 M=0:IFA=8THENY=-1:GOSUB940ELSEIFA=9ORA=UTHENY=1:GOSUB940
840 IFA=97THENA$(L)=X$(0):GOTO800 ' A
850 IFLEN(A$(L))>LLGOTO870
860 IFA=25GOSUB1200ELSEIFA=26GOSUB1180
870 IFA>98ONA-98GOSUB960,1000,1960,1960,1960,1020,1030
880 IFA=115GOSUB1120ELSEIFA=120GOSUB1170ELSEIFA=108GOTO800
890 IFM=1THENN=1:Q$=""GOTO820ELSEIFRPRINT0320,ELSE810
900 IFLL<XPRINT"LINE",L;"HAS",X;"CHARACTERS":GOTO600ELSE60
910 X$=MID$(A$(L),P,1)
920 PRINT@C,C$;A$=INKEY$:PRINT@C,X$;IFA$=""GOTO920
930 GOSUB290:X=LEN(A$(L)):IFA=13ORA=96THENR=1:RETURNELSERETURN
940 M=1:FORI=1TON:P=P+Y:IFP>XTHENP=X:RETURN
950 IFP<1THENP=1:RETURNELSEC=C+Y:NEXTI:RETURN
960 Q=P:D=C:FORI=1TON:GOSUB910:IFRORA=27THENP=Q:C=D:RETURN ' C
970 PRINT@C,A$;GOSUB1100:P=P+1:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+A$+R$
980 A=U:C=C+1:IFP<XNEXTI
990 P=Q:C=D:RETURN
1000 IFP+N-1>XTHENN=X-P+1 ' D
1010 GOSUB1100:Q=P:P=P+N:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+R$:P=Q:RETURN
1020 GOSUB1100:A$(L)=L$+S$:PRINT@C,B$ ' H
1030 GOSUB910:IFRORA=27RETURN ' I
1040 IFA=10THENA$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(17):R=1:RETURN
1050 IFA=31THENA$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(20):R=1:RETURN
1060 PRINT@C,A$;IFA=8THENY=-1:GOSUB940:GOTO1030
1070 IFA=9THENY=1:GOSUB940:GOTO1030ELSEIFP>XTHENX=P
1080 GOSUB1100:GOSUB1110:A$(L)=L$+A$+R$:PRINT@C,B$;A$+R$
1090 C=C+1:P=P+1:GOTO1030
1100 L$=""IFP<2RETURNELSEL$=LEFT$(A$(L),P-1):RETURN
1110 R$=""IFP>XRETURNELSER$=RIGHT$(A$(L),X-P+1):RETURN
1120 GOSUB910:Q=P:D=C ' S
1130 FORI=1TON:F=0:FORJ=Q+1TOX:D=D+1
1140 IFMID$(A$(L),J,1)=A$THENF=1:Q=J:J=X
1150 NEXTJ:NEXTI:IFFTHENP=Q:C=D
1160 A=U:RETURN
1170 A$(L)=A$(L)+S$:P=X+1:C=P+3:GOTO1030 ' X
1180 A$(L)=STRING$(LL-LEN(A$(L)))/2,32)+A$(L)+CHR$(20) ' S-D
1190 PRINT@C,B$;A$(L);CHR$(93):RETURN
1200 A$(L)=STRING$(LL-LEN(A$(L)),32)+A$(L) ' S-R
1210 PRINT@C,B$;A$(L):RETURN
1220 CLS:PRINT"LINE LENGTH =",LL,:INPUT"NEW =",LL ' FORMAT
1230 PRINT"LINE SPACES =",S,:INPUT"NEW =",S
1240 PRINT"LINE NOS. =",N$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)",N$
1250 PRINT"FIRST LINE =",FL,:INPUT"NEW =",FL
1260 PRINT"LEFT MARGIN =",LM,:INPUT"NEW =",LM

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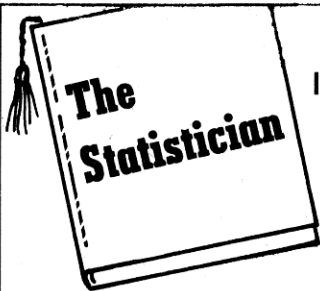
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1270 PRINT"PAGE LENGTH =",PL,:INPUT"NEW =",PL
1280 PRINT"PAGE NOS. = ",PN$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)",PN$
1290 PRINT"FIRST PAGE = ",FP,:INPUT"NEW =",FP
1300 PRINT"PAGE 1 NO. = ",P1$,:INPUT"NEW (Y/N)",P1$
1310 PRINT"HEADING = ",H$,:INPUT"NEW =",H$
1315 PRINT"SINGLE SHEET FEED = ",SS$,:INPUT"NEW=",SS$
1317 PRINT"PAGE SIZE = ",G,:INPUT"NEW =",G:GOTO60
1320 CLS:PRINT"LEGAL COMMANDS ARE:" ' HELP
1330 PRINT"A ADD","B BLANK","C COMPILE","D DELETE","E EDIT",
      "F FORMAT","H HELP","I INSERT","J JUSTIFY","K KILL",
      "L LOAD","M MOVE","N NOTICE","P PRINT","R REPLACE","S SAVE",
      "V VIDEO","X EXIT"
1340 PRINT"KEY 'SHIFT-@' TWICE TO RETURN FROM A,E,I,R TO COMMAND
      MODE":GOTO60
1350 INPUT"INSERT AT LINE":L:IFL<0ORL>LAGOTO80 ' INSERT
1360 IFNL=LA+1PRINT"FILE FULL":GOTO60ELSEIFRGOTO60
1370 FORI=LATOLSTEP-1:A$(I+1)=A$(I):NEXTI
1380 A$(L)="" :LA=LA+1:L=L-1:IFITRETURNELSEIT=1:GOTO90
1390 CLS:PRINT"JUSTIFYING":FORL=0TOLA:X=LEN(A$(L)) 'JUSTIFY
1400 IFX<2GOTO1500ELSEFORI=XTO2STEP-1:A=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(L),1))
1410 IFA=UTHEA$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),I-1):X=X-1:NEXTI
1420 IFX>=LORA=17ORA=20THEN1500ELSEJ=0:K=1:FORI=1TOX
1430 IFMID$(A$(L),I,1)<>SS$THENK=0ELSEIFK=0THENK=1:S(J)=I:J=J+1
1440 NEXTI:IFJ=0GOTO1500
1450 K=RND(J)-1:IFINT(J/2)=J/2ORJ=1THENN=1ELSEN=2
1460 FORI=1TOLL-X:T(K)=T(K)+1:K=K+N:IFK>J-1THENK=K-J
1470 NEXTI:FORI=J-1TO0STEP-1:A$=STRING$(T(I),SS):T(I)=0
1480 A$(L)=LEFT$(A$(L),S(I))+A$+RIGHT$(A$(L),LEN(A$(L))-S(I))
1490 NEXTI
1500 NEXTL:GOTO1830
1510 CLS:INPUT"REALLY KILL (Y/N)":A$:IFA$="Y"THENRUNELSE60'KILL
1520 NA$="" :IFMT$="Y"THENINPUT"IF ALL TEXT FILES READ, ENTER 'EN
      D', ELSE HIT ENTER":NA$ ' LOAD
1525 IFLEFT$(NA$,3)="END"THENRETURNELSEGOSUB1820:CLS:PRINT"LOADI
      NG"
1530 INPUT#-1,LA,LL,S,N$,FL,LM,PL,PN$,FP,P1$,H$,SS$,G
1540 FORI=0TOLASTEP4
1545 INPUT#-1,X$(0),X$(1),X$(2),X$(3)
1550 FORJ=0TO3:L=I+J:X=LEN(X$(J)):A$(L)="" :IFX<1GOTO1570
1560 FORK=1TOX:A$(L)=A$(L)+CHR$(ASC(MID$(X$(J),K,1))-128):NEXTK
1570 NEXTJ:NEXTI:IFRTHENRETURNELSEGOTO60
1580 INPUT"FIRST LINE TO MOVE":F:IFF<0THENF=0 ' MOVE
1590 INPUT"LAST LINE TO MOVE":Z:IFZ>LATHENZ=LA
1600 IFF>ZTHEN80ELSEINPUT"FIRST NEW LINE":N:FORI=PTOZ
1610 IFLEN(A$(N))PRINT"LINE":N;"NOT EMPTY":GOTO60
1620 A$(N)=A$(I):A$(I)="" :N=N+1:IFN>LATHENZ=N
1630 NEXTI:GOTO1830
1640 IFR=2THEN1647ELSEIFPEEK(14312)=>128THENINPUT"PRINTER NOT RE
      ADY. ABORT (Y/N)":A$:IFA$="Y"THEN60ELSE1640 ' PRINT
1645 R=1:MT$="" :INPUT"MULTIPLE TEXT FILES (Y/N)":MT$:IFMT$<>"Y"AN
      DMT$<>"N"GOTO1645
1647 EP=PL*(S+1)
1650 GOSUB480:CLS:PRINT"PRINTING"
1660 X=FP:TL=FL:IFR<>2THENAP=0
1670 IFAP<>0GOTO1700
1680 IFPN$<>"Y"OR(P1$="N"ANDX=1)THENLPRINT" "ELSELPRINTTAB(LM)H$
      ;STRING$(LL-LEN(H$)-7," ");"Page":USING"###",X
1690 LPRINT" ":AP=AP+2
1700 LPRINTTAB(LM);:IFN$="Y"THENLPRINTUSINGF$;TL;
1705 LPRINTA$(TL)
1710 IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
1720 AP=AP+(S+1):TL=TL+1
1730 IFAP<=EPANDASC(RIGHT$(A$(TL-1),1))<>17GOTO1744
1740 FORI=1TO(G-AP):LPRINT" ":NEXTX=X+1:AP=0
1742 IFSS$="Y"THENINPUT"FEED NEXT SHEET, HIT ENTER":A$
1744 IFTL<=LAGOTO1670
1746 IFMT$="Y"THENNPR=X:GOSUB1520:X=PR:IFLEFT$(NA$,3)<>"END"THEN
      L=FL:GOTO1670:ELSEMT$="N"
1747 IFAP<>0THEN1740
1748 IFR=2THENRETURNLSE=0:GOTO60
1750 INPUT"REPLACE LINE":L:IFL<0ORL>LAGOTO80 ' REPLACE
1760 R=1:A$(L)="" :L=L-1:GOTO90
1770 GOSUB1820:CLS:PRINT"SAVING" ' SAVE
1780 PRINT#-1,LA,LL,S,N$,FL,LM,PL,PN$,FP,P1$,H$,SS$,G:FORL=0TOLA
      STEP4
1790 FORJ=0TO3:I=L+J:X=LEN(A$(I)):X$(J)="" :IFX<1GOTO1810
1800 FORK=1TOX:X$(J)=X$(J)+CHR$(ASC(MID$(A$(I),K,1))+128):NEXTK
1810 NEXTJ:PRINT#-1,X$(0),X$(1),X$(2),X$(3):NEXTL:GOTO60
1820 INPUT"READY CASSETTE, THEN PRESS ENTER":A$:RETURN
1830 CLS:X=FP-1:FORM=FLTOLASTEPPL:X=X+1 ' VIDEO
1840 IFP1$="N"ANDX=1GOTO1860
1850 IFPN$="Y"PRINTH$;TAB(LL-7)"Page":USING"###",X:PRINT
1860 FORI=MTOM+PL-1:IFI>LAGOTO1890
1870 IFSPRINTSTRING$(S-1,10)
1880 GOSUB1910
1890 NEXTI:A$="" :IFI<=LAINPUT"PRESS ENTER":A$:IFA$<>"M=LA
1900 NEXTM:L=LA:GOTO60

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Listing 2 continues

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1910 Y=LEN(A$(I)):IFYTHENA=ASC(RIGHT$(A$(I),1))ELSEA=0
1920 IFN$="Y"PRINTUSINGF$;I;
1930 PRINTA$(I);:IFA=17PRINTCHR$(92);
1940 IFA=20PRINTCHR$(93);ELSEIFA=UPRINTCHR$(95);
1950 IFN$<>"Y"ORY<>60PRINT
1960 RETURN
1970 CLS:INPUT"REALLY EXIT (Y/N)";A$:IFA$<>"Y"GOTO60 ' EXIT
1980 CLS:CLARS0:OUT254,0:END
2170 CLS:INPUT"ENTER FILE NAME";NA$:RETURN
2180 INPUT"READY CASSETTE, HIT ENTER";A$:RETURN
2190 IFPEEK(14312)=128THENINPUT"PRINTER NOT READY. ABORT(Y/N)";
A$:IFA$="Y"THEN60ELSE2190 ' NOTICE
2195 GOSUB2170:GOSUB2180:INPUT#-1,T$
2196 IFT$=NA$THEN2200
2197 PRINT"FOUND FILE: ";T$:INPUT"CONTINUE SEARCH (Y/N)";T$:IFT$
="N"THEN60
2198 INPUT#-1,T$:IFT$<>"EOF"THEN2198ELSE2196
2200 PR=-1
2210 PR=PR+1:INPUT#-1,T$
2220 IFT$="EOF"THEN2340
2230 IFPR<>0THEN2240ELSE2210
2240 T1$=CHR$(126):GOSUB2350
2250 J=0
2255 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":J=J+2
2260 FORI=1TO5
2270 IFLEFT$(B$(I),1)<>" "ANDLEFT$(B$(I),1)<>" "THENLPRINTTAB(LM)
B$(I):J=J+(S+1):IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2300 NEXTI
2310 J=J+(S+1):LPRINT" ":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2320 J=J+(S+1):LPRINTTAB(LM)"Dear ";B$(I);":":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S
,138)
2325 J=J+(S+1):LPRINT" ":IFSLPRINTSTRING$(S,138)
2330 AP=J:R=2:GOSUB1640:GOTO2210
2340 R=0:GOTO60
2350 J=-1 ' UNPARSE LABELS
2360 FORI=1TOLEN(T$)-LEN(T1$)+1
2370 IFT1$=MID$(T$,I,LEN(T1$))THEN2390
2380 NEXTI:I=0:RETURN
2390 J=J+1:B$(J)=LEFT$(T$,I-1):T$=MID$(T$,I+1):GOTO2360

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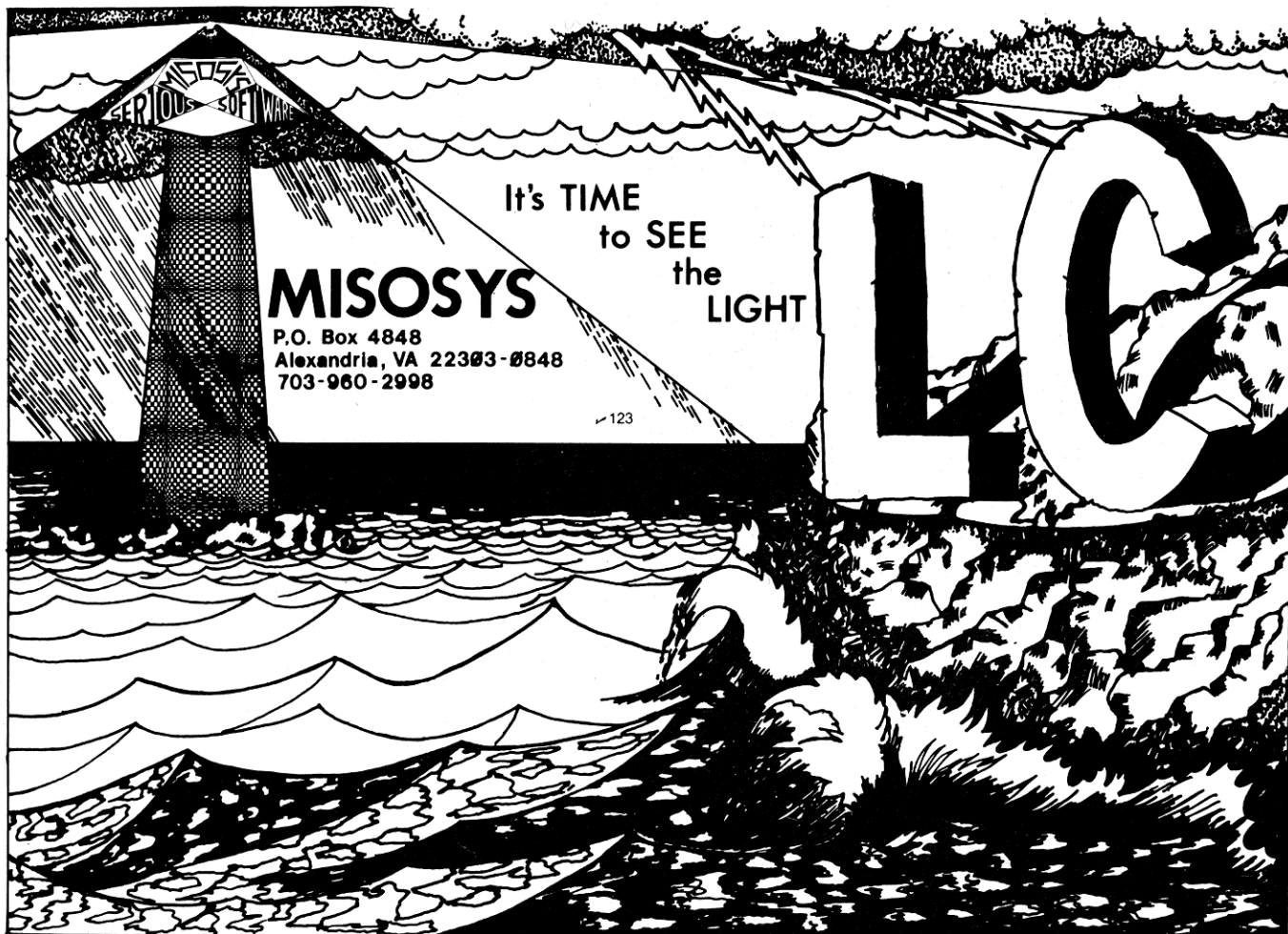
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Outbreak

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One of my favorite arcade games is Breakout. I could spend hours playing the game if I had enough money. When I got my micro last fall, the first thing I did was write my own version of the game. I call mine Outbreak.

The rules of play are similar to the arcade game. In Outbreak, the paddle moves vertically on the left side of the screen and is controlled by the up and down arrows. The object is to knock out the blocks at the right side of the screen by hitting a ball with the paddle.

The Program

Although the program is written in Basic, the action is fairly quick. The highlight of the game's programming is the bouncing ball routine. A random starting point for the ball is determined in line 120. Ball speed

and random direction are established in line 140. A loop to follow the ball's progress begins at line 170. Lines 190 and 200 check to keep the ball in

bounds. If the ball hits the wall it bounces off in an opposite direction angle and continues on toward the blocks.

Line 220 checks to see if a

block has been hit. If one has it executes a subroutine at line 460. After hitting the blocks the ball is bounced back toward the paddle. If the ball is success-

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100 DEFINT A-Y:CLS:GOSUB550
110 CLS:A$=CHR$(191):B$=CHR$(128)
120 X=RND(15)+10:Y=RND(10)+10:G=323:Z=G:M=1:N=1
130 L=15427:PO=0
140 A=RND(5)-3:B=RND(5)-3:IFA=0ORB=0THEN140
150 GOSUB410
160 GOS=9:GOSUB500:GOS=0
170 X=X+A:Y=Y+B
180 GOSUB 280
190 IF Y<3 OR Y>44 THEN B=-B:GOTO170
200 IF X>126 THEN A=-A:GOTO 170
210 IF X<0 THEN A=-A:GOTO170
220 IF X>15 AND POINT(X,Y)=-1 THEN 460
230 IF X<10 AND POINT(X,Y)=-1 THEN A=-A:GOTO170
240 IF X<3 AND POINT(X,Y)<>-1 THEN 350
250 RESET(M,N):SET(X,Y):M=X:N=Y
260 GOTO170
280 R=PEEK(14420)
290 IFR=0RETURN
300 G=L
310 IF R=8 THEN L=L-64:IF L<15427 L=L+64:JK=1
320 IF R=16 L=L+64:IF L>16319 L=L-64:JK=1
330 POKE L,191:IF JK=1 THEN JK=0:RETURN
340 POKEG,32:RETURN
350 PO=PO+1:IF PO>5 THEN 400
360 X=RND(10)+25:Y=RND(10)+25
370 FOR YO=1 TO 1000:NEXT
380 PRINT@251,PO+1;
390 A=RND(2)-3:B=RND(2)-3:IFA=0ORB=0THEN390ELSE 170
400 PRINT:PRINT" OUT OF BALLS ":END
410 FOR O=1 TO 14:FOR T=30 TO 50 STEP 2
420 POKE (O*64+T)+15360,191:NEXT T,O
430 FOR R=1 TO 127:SET(R,45):SET(R,2):NEXT
440 FOR F=2 TO 45:SET(127,F):NEXT
450 RETURN
460 A=-A
470 P=INT(X/2)+INT(Y/3)*64
480 PRINT@P,B$;
490 LO=LO+1
495 IF LO=154 THENCLS:PRINT" YOU HAVE SUCCESSIVELY CLEARED THE BOARD":PRINT"C
ONGRATULATIONS !":END
500 PRINT@40,"BLOCKS OUT";
510 PRINT@187,"BALL#";
520 PRINT@251,PO+1;
530 PRINT@119,LO;
540 IF GOS=9 THEN RETURN ELSE 170
550 PRINTCHR$(23)
560 PRINT" BREAKOUT.....BY TOM HANSON"
570 FORZX=1 TO 1000:NEXT:RETURN
580 REM TOM HANSON
590 REM 2120 BIRCHMONT DR.
600 REM BEMIDJI MN,56601

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Program Listing 1

The Key Box

Basic Level II
Model I or III
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fully hit by the paddle, line 230 reverses the ball's direction back toward the blocks. If you miss the ball, line 250 serves a new one.

The status of the paddles is checked by lines 280-340. Lines 350-400 count how many balls you have been served and loop back if you have more serves left. The playing field is drawn at

lines 410-450, the score is kept by lines 460-540 and lines 540-570 display the title.

To add sound to the game type in the lines in Program Listing 2. ■

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105 GOSUB 700
190 IF Y<3 OR Y>44 THEN
    B = -B:JJ = USR(12):GOTO 170
200 IF X>126 THEN
    A = -A:JJ = USR(12):
    GOTO 170
210 IF X<0 THEN
    A = -A:JJ = USR(12):
    GOTO 170
230 IF X<10 AND POINT(X,Y) = -1
    THEN A = -A:
    JJ = USR(12):GOTO 170
480 PRINT @P,B$;JJ:USR(12)
700 Z1 = 127:POKE 16526,235:POKE
    16527,Z1:Z = 256*Z1 + 235
710 READ B:IF B>0 POKE Z,B:Z = Z + 1:
    GOTO 710
720 DATA 205,127,10,62,5,211,255,69,16,
    254,62,4,211,255,69,16,254,37,20
    239,201,-1
730 RETURN
  
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I knew my TRS-80 could do the job better.

For the next several weeks I set about designing an interface circuit. Here are the results of my effort.

Interface Circuit

The interface circuit connects directly to the expansion edge connector on the keyboard or to the screen printer port on the expansion interface. (Do not use the RS-232C port on the expansion interface, as it is keyed differently.)

Photo 1 shows the interface unit itself. The cabinet is an experimenter's box (Radio Shack #220-224). The schematic diagram is shown in Fig. 1. Figure 2 is the schematic of the power supply.

Under static conditions the ambient light striking the photo resistors (PR-1 through PR-4) reduces their resistance to about 100 ohms. This causes one leg of each AND gate (IC-3) to go low. Address lines A1-A4 hold the other leg of each gate high.

The low on each photo resistor is applied to the input of IC1 and IC2. When the TRS-80 inputs data from the data bus these lows

are applied to data lines D1-D4. Data lines D0 and D5-D7 are not used. Therefore, they are held low by permanent grounds on the inputs to IC1 and IC2. The low signals on the data lines represent static conditions (decimal 0).

Let's assume a car crosses over the photo resistor in lane 1. The car prevents light from striking the photo resistor, causing the resistance of the photo resistor to increase immediately to several thousand ohms. This increase in resistance replaces the low signal on IC1 pin 1 with a high signal. Pin 2 is already high, so the high on pin 1 is passed by IC3 to IC1 pin 14.

When the program directs the TRS-80 to

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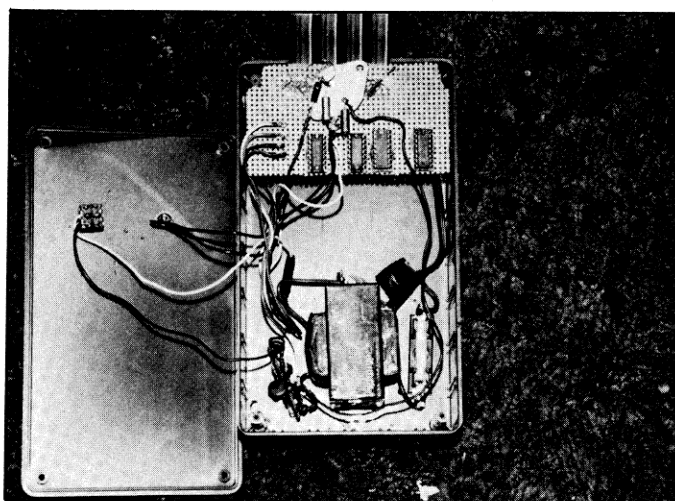


Photo 1. Closeup of interface board. Wiring is not critical.

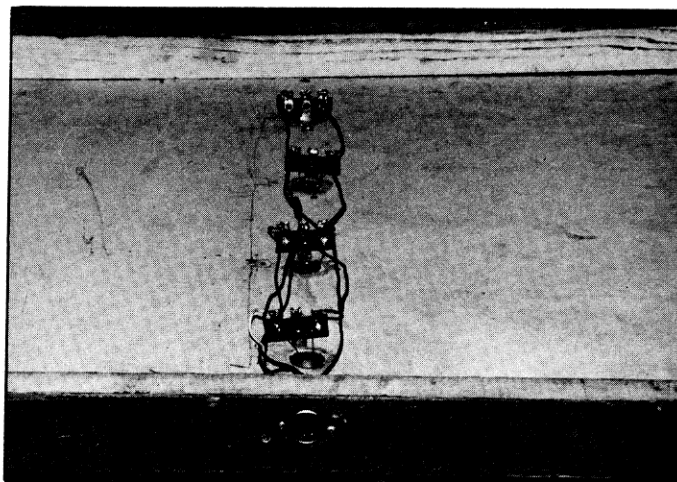


Photo 2. Bottom of the race track showing wiring of the photo resistors. J2 is mounted on the side of the track.

input data from the expansion port the (IN) signal line (pin 19 of the edge connector) goes low enabling IC1 and IC2 (74LS367s). IC1 applies the high from pin 14 to the TRS-80 data bus line D1.

Construction

Photo 1 shows the circuit board and power-supply components. Photo 2 shows the photo resistor installation in the end of the track. (I used Radio Shack #276-116 resistors.)

One word of caution here: The resistors come in two case styles. The black plastic case makes installation easier—just drill a hole in the center of each lane of the track and glue the resistors in with epoxy or white glue. The other case style is metal with a lip around the lower rim. This lip must be ground off so the resistor will fit snug in the hole. You must be extremely careful when grinding or the resistor will be damaged. J1 and J2 (Fig. 1) are Radio Shack DIN connectors (#274-005). P1 and P2 are the matching plugs (#274-003).

Software

The Basic program is shown in the Listing. Line 260 checks to see if the interface power is turned on. Lines 270 and 280 allow four inputs, one for each lane of the track.

Lines 290-370, the heart of the program, determine the position in which each car finishes. For example, line 290 looks at port 1 for input, and assigns any non-zero value to variable E1. (An input of zero represents static conditions; therefore, the TRS-80 continues to look at port 1 until it sees a non-zero value.)

Line 300 prints a non-zero value on the screen. (Printing the value of E1 normally has no use since during a race the values of all four tracks are printed and erased by the print routine of line 410 before you can read them. I put this feature into the program to be sure I wired the cable between the inter-

face and track correctly.)

Line 310 checks to be sure the interface power is on.

Once a car has been detected, line 320 looks to the expansion port for an input, but instead of looking at port 1 it looks at a port whose value is determined by the value of E1.

Let's continue with our assumption that a car had crossed in lane 1. Data line D1 is high as a result of the increase in the resistance of the photo resistor (PR1). A high on data line D2 represents a decimal value of two to the TRS-80; therefore, if E1 equals two line 310 looks at port 2 for its input. As a result, address line A1 goes high to address port 2.

Address/Data line	Decimal value
A7/D7	128
A6/D6	64
A5/D5	32
A4/D4	16
A3/D3	8
A2/D2	4
A1/D1	2
A0/D0	1

Table 1. Decimal values seen by the computer can be determined by adding the decimal values of any lines with highs on them.

When A1 goes high the high is applied to the input of an inverter (IC4). The low from the inverter is applied to one leg of IC3, blocking any further input from lane 1.

The purpose is to prevent the computer from printing erroneous race results. For example, suppose the car in lane 1 leads a car in lane 3 by only a quarter of an inch. If the input is not turned off as soon as the computer detects it, the computer would see both cars at the same time. By removing the input from lane 1 as soon as the computer sees car 1, the computer only sees car 3 when it crosses.

When car 3 crosses, the signal flow from the photo resistor is the same as previously discussed for lane 1 except data line D3 is now high. A high on D3 represents decimal eight, so variable E2 is assigned the value eight.

Table 1 shows how to calculate the decimal value from a high on an address or data line. Line 330 prints the eight on the screen, adds E1 to E2 (two plus eight), and assigns the total (10) to E5. Line 330 also checks to see if all four lanes have been blocked (all cars in). If so, control jumps to line 410, the print routine.

Line 340 looks at the expansion port again, using the value of E5 (decimal 10) to determine the port number. Referring to Table 1 we can see that address lines A1 and A3 must be high to enable port 10. As be-

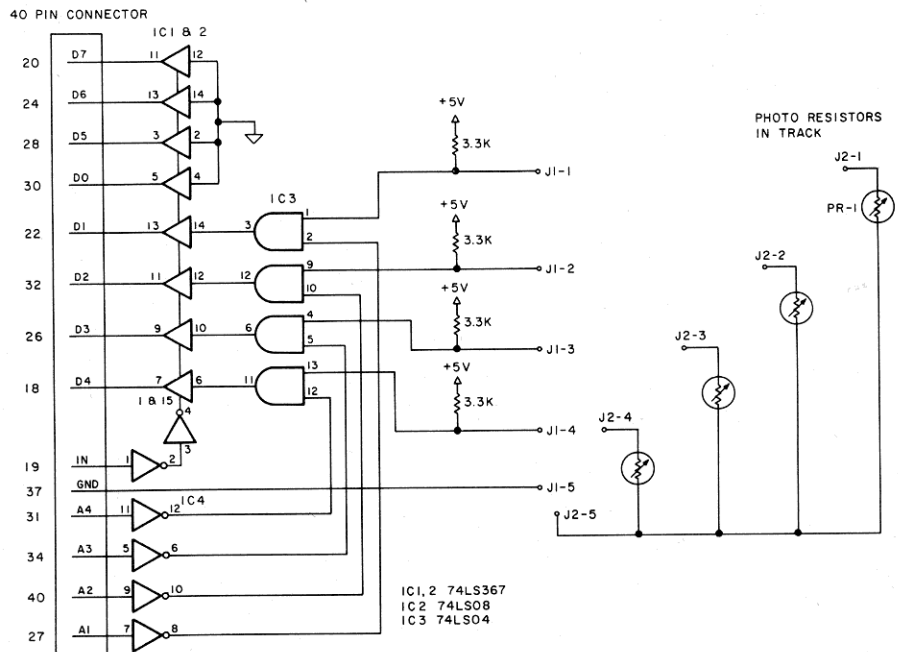


Fig. 1. Schematic Diagram of Interface Unit

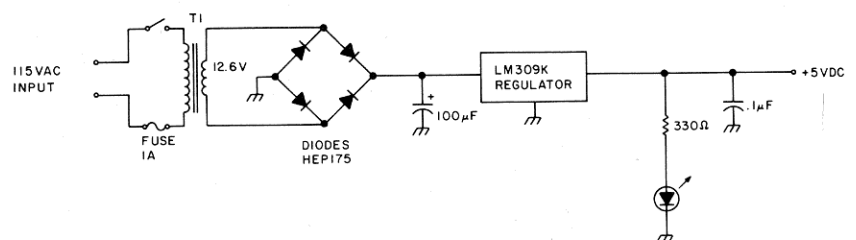


Fig. 2. Schematic Diagram of Power Supply

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Let's now assume that the last two cars tie for third. A high on lanes 2 and 4 sends data lines D2 and D4 high. The TRS-80 sees a decimal 20 (4 plus 16), and assigns this value to E3. Line 350 prints the value (20) on the screen and assigns E6 the total value of E3 plus E5 (10 plus 20). Since 30 represents all cars, control jumps to the video print routine starting in line 410.

The video print routine is contained in

lines 410-880, and the line-printer routine in lines 950-1390.

Lines 1400-1460 draw a line of equal signs after each fourth heat to separate the races. Each car runs in a different lane in each heat, giving each car an equal opportunity.

Conclusion

My TRS-80 has performed perfectly in two races. It is accurate in even the closest finish! ■

Program Listing

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10 CLEAR100
20 B$=""
30 CLS:POKE16553,255:FORI=0TO63:POKE15360+I,191:POKE16320+I,191:
NEXTI
40 FORI=0TO15:POKE(15360+I*64),191:POKE(15423+I*64),191:NEXTI
50 GOSUB180:GOSUB140:GOSUB100
60 PRINT@856,"FEBURARY 1979";
70 PRINT@207,"B Y S T U A R T A. C O L E ";
80 GOSUB170:GOSUB170
90 CLS:GOTO220
100 READA$:PRINT@401,A$;
110 READA$:PRINT@535,A$;
120 READA$:PRINT@728,A$;
130 RETURN
140 PRINT@386,B$;
150 PRINT@514,B$;
160 RETURN
170 FORI=1TO1000:NEXTI:RETURN
180 FORI=1TO250:NEXTI:RETURN
190 DATA"P I N E W O O D D E R B Y "
200 DATA"J U D G E 8 0 "
210 DATA"16K LEVEL II"
220 CLS:H=1
230 INPUT"ENTER TODAYS DATE(FEB/26/1979)";D$
240 CLS:N=1
250 PRINT"HEAT #";H:PRINT
260 E=INP(0):IF E=255 THEN PRINT"TURN INTERFACE POWER ON"
270 PRINT"ENTER CAR# FOR LANE";N:INPUTA(N)
280 N=N+1:IFN<5THEN270
290 E1=INP(1):IF E1=0 THEN 290
300 PRINT E1:IF E1=30 THEN410
310 IF E1=255 THEN 380
320 E2=INP(1):IF E2=0 THEN 320
330 PRINT E2:E5=E1+E2:IFE5=30THEN410
340 E3=INP(1):IFE3=0THEN340
350 PRINTE3:E6=E5+E3:IFE6=30THEN410
360 E4=INP(1):IF E4=0 THEN 360
370 PRINT E4:GOTO410
380 CLS:FOR IE=1TO 10:PRINT@460,"T U R N I N T E R F A C E P
O W E R O N !":FOR K=1TO100:NEXT K
390 PRINT@460,"
":
FOR K=1 TO 100:NEXTK,IE
400 E=INP(0):IF E=255 THEN 380 ELSE 290
410 CLS:PRINT@79,"THE OFFICIAL PACK 304 PINEWOOD DERBY HEAT RESU
LTS"
420 PRINT@143,"FOR HEAT #";H;TAB(54);D$
430 A$="CAR #":B$="TIE BETWEEN CARS":C$="TIE BETWEEN ALL CARS FO
R FIRST"
440 P1$="FIRST":P2$="SECOND":P3$="THIRD":P4$="FOURTH"
450 IFE1=16PRINT@256,A$;A(4);P1$:GOTO490
460 IFE2=16PRINT@384,A$;A(4);P2$:GOTO490
470 IFE3=16PRINT@512,A$;A(4);P3$:GOTO490
480 IFE4=16PRINT@640,A$;A(4);P4$
490 IFE1=8PRINT@256,A$;A(3);P1$:GOTO530
500 IFE2=8PRINT@384,A$;A(3);P2$:GOTO530
510 IFE3=8PRINT@512,A$;A(3);P3$:GOTO530
520 IFE4=8PRINT@640,A$;A(3);P4$
530 IFE1=4PRINT@256,A$;A(2);P1$:GOTO570
540 IFE2=4PRINT@384,A$;A(2);P2$:GOTO570
550 IFE3=4PRINT@512,A$;A(2);P3$:GOTO570
560 IFE4=4PRINT@640,A$;A(2);P4$
570 IFE1=2PRINT@256,A$;A(1);P1$:GOTO610
580 IFE2=2PRINT@384,A$;A(1);P2$:GOTO610
590 IFE3=2PRINT@512,A$;A(1);P3$:GOTO610
600 IFE4=2PRINT@640,A$;A(1);P4$
610 IFE1=6PRINT@256,B$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO640
620 IFE2=6PRINT@384,B$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO640
630 IFE3=6PRINT@512,B$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P3$

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640 IFE1=10PRINT@256,B$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO670
650 IFE2=10PRINT@384,B$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO670
660 IFE3=10PRINT@512,B$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P3$
670 IFE1=18PRINT@256,B$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO700
680 IFE2=18PRINT@384,B$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO700
690 IFE3=18PRINT@512,B$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$
700 IFE1=12PRINT@256,B$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO730
710 IFE2=12PRINT@384,B$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO730
720 IFE3=12PRINT@512,B$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P3$
730 IFE1=20PRINT@256,B$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO760
740 IFE2=20PRINT@384,B$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO760
750 IFE3=20PRINT@512,B$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$
760 IFE1=24PRINT@256,B$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO790
770 IFE2=24PRINT@384,B$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO790
780 IFE3=24PRINT@512,B$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$
790 IFE1=14PRINT@256,B$;A(1);",";A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO
810
800 IFE2=14PRINT@384,B$;A(1);",";A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P2$
810 IFE1=28PRINT@256,B$;A(2);",";A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO
830
820 IFE2=28PRINT@384,B$;A(2);",";A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$
830 IFE1=22PRINT@256,B$;A(1);",";A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO
850
840 IFE2=22PRINT@384,B$;A(1);",";A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$
850 IFE1=26PRINT@256,B$;A(1);",";A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO
870
860 IFE2=26PRINT@384,B$;A(1);",";A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$
870 IFE1=30PRINT@256,C$
880 PRINT@768,"DO YOU WANT A HARD COPY?"
890 I$=INKEY$:IFI$=" "THEN890
900 IFI$="N"THEN930
910 IFI$<>"Y"THEN930
920 IFPEEK(14312)<128GOSUB950 ELSE880
930 PRINT@768,"PRESS ENTER WHEN READY FOR NEXT HEAT"
940 INPUTR:CLS:H=H+1:GOTO240
950 IFH=1LPRINTCHR$(15)CHR$(14)"THE OFFICIAL PACK 304 PINWOOD D
ERBY HEAT RESULTS":LPRINTCHR$(18):LPRINTTAB(29);D$
960 IFH=1LPRINT:LPRINT
970 LPRINTTAB(30);"HEAT #";H
980 LPRINT:LPRINT
990 IFE1=30LPRINTC$:GOTO1430
1000 IFE1=16LPRINTA$;A(4);P1$:GOTO1130
1010 IFE1=8LPRINTA$;A(3);P1$:GOTO1130
1020 IFE1=4LPRINTA$;A(2);P1$:GOTO1130
1030 IFE1=2LPRINTA$;A(1);P1$:GOTO1130
1040 IFE1=6LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1050 IFE1=10LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1060 IFE1=18LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1070 IFE1=12LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1080 IFE1=20LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1090 IFE1=24LPRINTB$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1100 IFE1=14LPRINTB$;A(1);",";A(2)"AND"A(3);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1110 IFE1=28LPRINTB$;A(2);",";A(3)"AND"A(4);"FOR ";P1$:GOTO1130
1120 IFE1=26LPRINTB$;A(1);",";A(3)"AND"A(4);"FOR ";P1$
1130 IFE2=16LPRINTA$;A(4);P2$:GOTO1260
1140 IFE2=8LPRINTA$;A(3);P2$:GOTO1260
1150 IFE2=4LPRINTA$;A(2);P2$:GOTO1260
1160 IFE2=2LPRINTA$;A(1);P2$:GOTO1260
1170 IFE2=6LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1180 IFE2=10LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1190 IFE2=18LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1200 IFE2=12LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1210 IFE2=20LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1220 IFE2=24LPRINTB$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1230 IFE2=14LPRINTB$;A(1);",";A(2)"AND"A(3)"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1240 IFE2=28LPRINTB$;A(2);",";A(3)"AND"A(4)"FOR ";P2$:GOTO1260
1250 IFE2=26LPRINTB$;A(1);",";A(3)"AND"A(4)"FOR ";P2$
1260 IFE3=16LPRINTA$;A(4);P3$:GOTO1360
1270 IFE3=8LPRINTA$;A(3);P3$:GOTO1360
1280 IFE3=4LPRINTA$;A(2);P3$:GOTO1360
1290 IFE3=2LPRINTA$;A(1);P3$:GOTO1360
1300 IFE3=6LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(2);"FOR ";P3$:GOTO1360
1310 IFE3=10LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P3$:GOTO1360
1320 IFE3=18LPRINTB$;A(1);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$:GOTO1360
1330 IFE3=12LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(3);"FOR ";P3$:GOTO1360
1340 IFE3=20LPRINTB$;A(2);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$:GOTO1360
1350 IFE3=24LPRINTB$;A(3);"AND";A(4);"FOR ";P3$
1360 IFE4=16LPRINTA$;A(4);P4$:GOTO1400
1370 IFE4=8LPRINTA$;A(3);P4$:GOTO1400
1380 IFE4=4LPRINTA$;A(2);P4$:GOTO1400
1390 IFE4=2LPRINTA$;A(1);P4$:GOTO1400
1400 FORX=4TOL00STEP4
1410 IFX=HLPRINT:LPRINTSTRINGS(64,"="):GOTO1430
1420 NEXTX
1430 LPRINTCHR$(27)"C"CHR$(10);
1440 LPRINTCHR$(27)"B"CHR$(133)CHR$(128);
1450 LPRINTCHR$(139)
1460 RETURN

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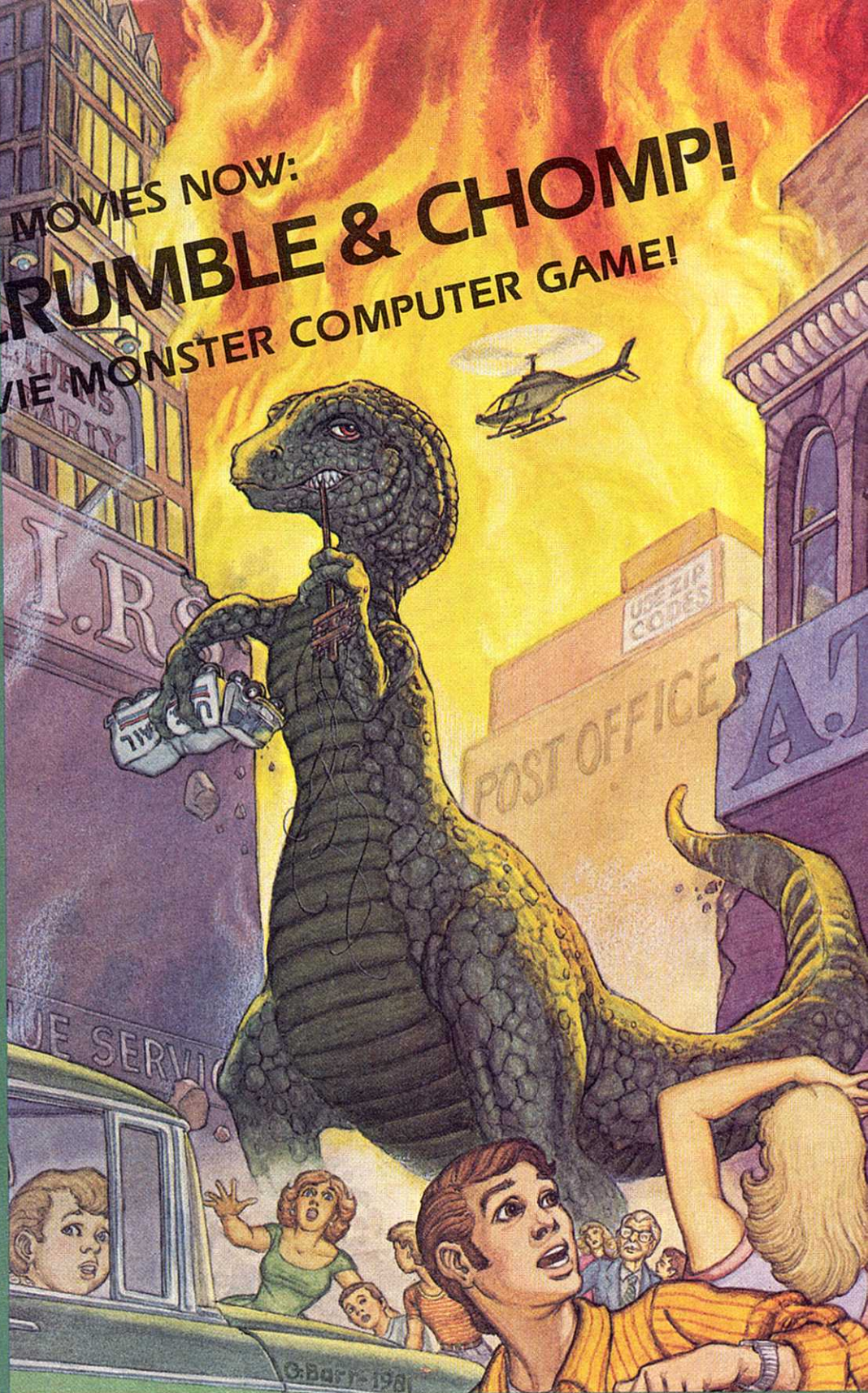
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Recently I was asked to serve as treasurer of my

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While this specific program (see Program Listing) is directly applicable only to our church you can easily adapt it to other situations. This program also illustrates some of the Extended Color Basic's more powerful features.

Program Listing

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10 REM CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT
20 CLEAR 1000
30 DA=6:DB=25
40 DIMC$(DA),D1(DA),D2(DA),D3(DA),E$(DA,5),E(DA,5),F(DA)
50 DIMG$(DB),H$(DB),R$(DB),S(DB),T$(DB,5),U(DB,5),DD(DA)
60 CLS
70 PRINT "BEGIN BY GETTING THE CHECK BOOK AND OTHER FINANCIAL RE
CORDS. THE PROGRAM WILL ASK FOR INPUT DATA."
80 LINE INPUT "DATE OF SUMMARY?" ; A$
90 LINE INPUT "BEGINNING BALANCE?" ; B$ : B=VAL(B$)
100 PRINT "INPUT INCOME DATA"
110 N=1
120 LINE INPUT "DATE OF DEPOSIT?" ; C$(N)
130 IFC$(N)="" GOTO 240
140 LINE INPUT "RECEIVED ON PLEDGE?" ; D$: D1(N)=VAL(D$)
150 LINE INPUT "OTHER CASH?" ; D$: D2(N)=VAL(D$)
160 LINE INPUT "CHURCH SCHOOL?" ; D$: D3(N)=VAL(D$)
170 K=1
180 LINE INPUT "SPECIAL-SOURCE?" ; E$(N,K)
190 IF E$(N,K)="" GOTO 220
200 LINE INPUT "SPECIAL-AMOUNT?" ; D$: E(N,K)=VAL(D$)
210 K=K+1:GOTO 180
220 LINE INPUT "CONFERENCE?" ; D$: F(N)=VAL(D$)
230 N=N+1:GOTO 120
240 LINE INPUT "PLEDGED FOR MONTH?" ; P$: P=VAL(P$) : CLS
250 M=1
260 PRINT "INPUT CHECKS. USE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: <S>ALARY <R>
ENT <A>VERTISING <O>FFICE SUPPLIES <E>QUIPMENT <T>ELEPHON
E <ED>UCATION <Y>OUTH <C>ONFERENCE<S1> SPECIAL 1 ETC."
270 LINE INPUT "CHECK NUMBER?" ; G$(M)
280 IF G$(M)="" GOTO 420
290 LINE INPUT "CHECK DATE?" ; H$(M)
300 LINE INPUT "PAYEE?" ; R$(M)
310 LINE INPUT "AMOUNT?" ; S$: S(M)=VAL(S$)
320 K=1
330 LINE INPUT "ACCOUNT #?" ; T$(M,K)
340 IF K>1 GOTO 380
350 LINE INPUT "ALL TO ACCOUNT? Y OR N" ; X$
360 IF X$="N" GOTO 380
370 U(M,K)=S(M):GOTO 410
380 IFT$(M,K)="" GOTO 410
390 LINE INPUT "AMOUNT TO ACCOUNT?" ; U$: U(M,K)=VAL(U$)
400 K=K+1:GOTO 330
410 M=M+1:CLS:GOTO 260
420 N=N-1:M=M-1
430 FOR I=1TON:D1=D1+D1(I):D2=D2+D2(I):D3=D3+D3(I):F=F+F(I):NEXT
440 FOR I=1TOM:S=S+S(I):NEXT
450 CLS
460 PRINT "ENTER PREVIOUS SPENDING"
470 LINE INPUT "SALARY" ; X$: X1=VAL(X$)
480 LINE INPUT "RENT" ; X$: X2=VAL(X$)
490 LINE INPUT "ADVERTISING" ; X$: X3=VAL(X$)
500 LINE INPUT "OFFICE SUPPLIES" ; X$: X4=VAL(X$)
510 LINE INPUT "EQUIPMENT" ; X$: X5=VAL(X$)
520 LINE INPUT "TELEPHONE" ; X$: X6=VAL(X$)
530 LINE INPUT "EDUCATION" ; X$: X7=VAL(X$)
540 LINE INPUT "YOUTH" ; X$: X8=VAL(X$)
550 LINE INPUT "CONFERENCE" ; X$: Y1=VAL(X$)
560 LINE INPUT "SPECIAL 1" ; X$: Y2=VAL(X$)
570 LINE INPUT "SPECIAL 2" ; X$: Y3=VAL(X$)
580 LINE INPUT "SPECIAL 3" ; X$: Y4=VAL(X$)
590 E=0
600 FOR I=1TON:K=1:E=E+E(I,K)
610 K=K+1
620 IF E$(I,K)="" GOTO 630:E=E+E(I,K):GOTO 610
630 NEXT
640 D=D1+D2+D3+E+F
650 FOR I=1TOM
660 K=1
670 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V1=V1+U(I,K)
680 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V2=V2+U(I,K)
690 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V3=V3+U(I,K)
700 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V4=V4+U(I,K)
710 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V5=V5+U(I,K)
720 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V6=V6+U(I,K)
730 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V7=V7+U(I,K)
740 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN V8=V8+U(I,K)
750 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN W1=W1+U(I,K)
760 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN W2=W2+U(I,K)
770 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN W3=W3+U(I,K)
780 IFT$(I,K)="" THEN W4=W4+U(I,K)
790 K=K+1
800 IFT$(I,K)="" GOTO 820
810 GOTO 670
820 NEXT
830 FOR I=1TON
840 K=1
850 DD(I)=D1(I)+D2(I)+D3(I)+F(I)
860 IF E$(I,K)="" GOTO 890
870 DD(I)=DD(I)+E(I,K)
880 K=K+1:GOTO 860
890 NEXT
900 X1=X1+V1:X2=X2+V2:X3=X3+V3:X4=X4+V4:X5=X5+V5:X6=X6+V6:X7=X7+
V7:X8=X8+V8
910 Y1=Y1+W1:Y2=Y2+W2:Y3=Y3+W3:Y4=Y4+W4
920 WW=V1+V2+V3+V4+V5+V6+V7+V8+W1+W2+W3+W4
930 YY=X1+X2+X3+X4+X5+X6+X7+X8+Y1+Y2+Y3+Y4
940 CLS
950 PRINT "ARE ALL SPECIALS DESIGNATED?"
960 PRINT "TOTAL=" ; E
970 LINE INPUT "AMOUNT DESIGNATED?" ; W$: EE=VAL(W$)
980 D8=.2*(D1+D2):D9=.45*(D1+D2)

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Listing continues

Our financial summary has several segments: an overview of each Sunday's income; comparison of expenses by category in the budget; and a summary of designated accounts. To use the program first enter income data and then enter data from the checkbook. Lastly enter data items from the previous summary. Then the program prints the financial summary (I use a Line Printer VII). You can print additional copies and produce a check list for the summary.

Before you type in the program type PCLEAR1 to clear sufficient memory.

Nuts and Bolts

In lines 10-50 variables DR and DB allow you to control memory assignment (DA is the number of deposits and DB is the number of checks).

Lines 60-240 allows entry of all income data. Income items for each deposit include pledge, other cash, church school, specials (amount and source), and conference. Pressing Enter with no entry produces the next prompt.

Lines 250-440 control entry of data from the church checkbook. Specific items include check number, check date, payee, amount, and account (a total of twelve are presently available). The user can allocate funds from one check to more than one account. To assist the user the screen contains the account designations for the entry of each check.

Lines 450-580 prompt the user to enter the spending history for the previous months using the past month's summary. To improve this program store this data in a file for input at a later date for next month's summary.

Lines 590-930 calculate various items for the final summary. For example, lines 650-820 prepare the monthly account summaries.

Lines 940-1070 prompt the user to input previous balances for three accounts (specials, benevolences and capital fund) using the past month's summary. The user can designate any special income for the month. The program automati-

cally adds a fixed percentage of income to the benevolence and capital fund accounts as a form of forced savings. The final step is to enter any distributions of these three accounts.

Lines 1080-1170 contain format statements for "PRINT#-2, USING".

Lines 1180-1730 print the ac-

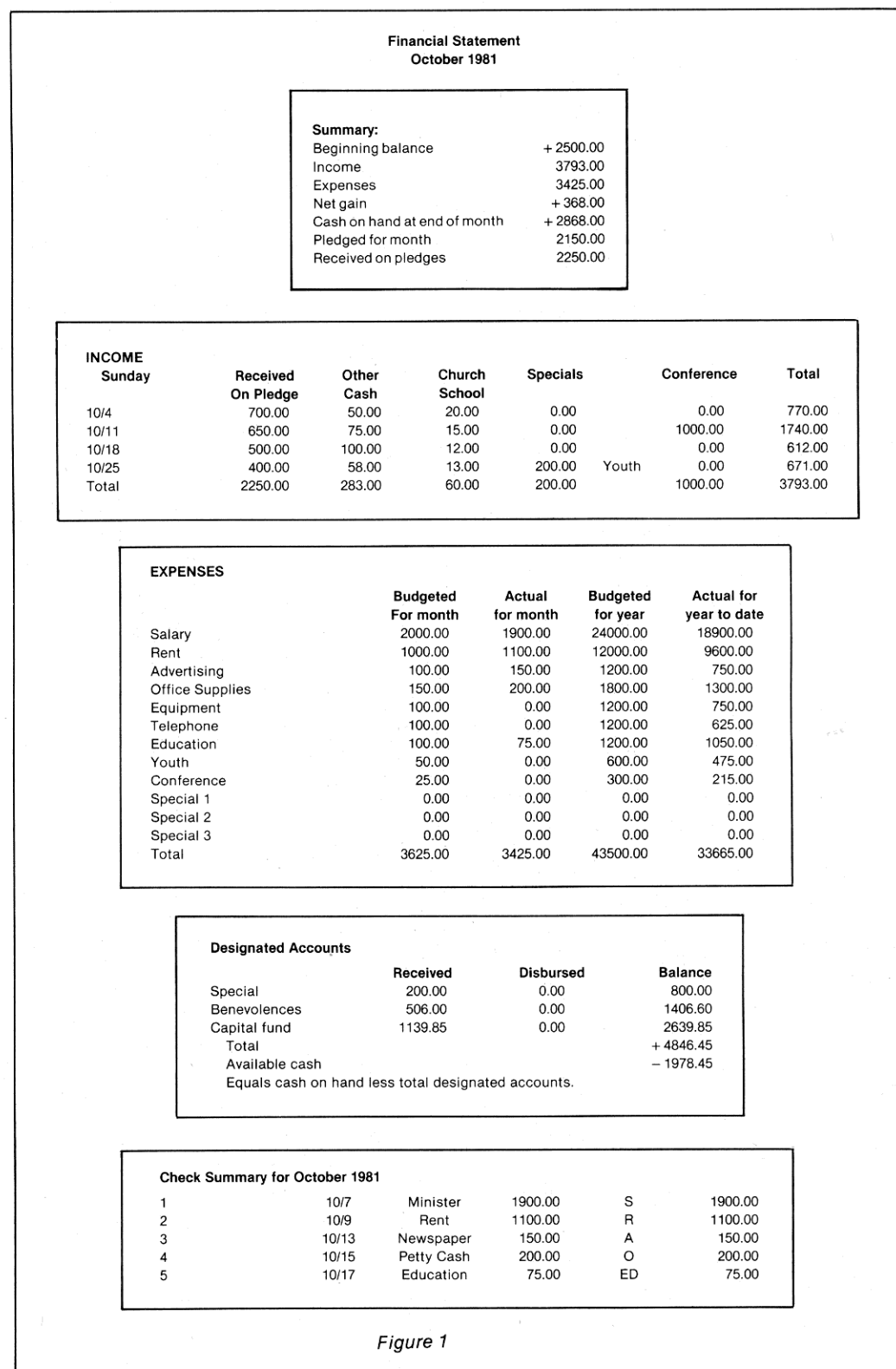
tual financial summary.

Lines 1740-1770 allow you to print an additional copy, produce a list of checks or exit the program.

Lines 1780-1880 produce a check list including check number, check date, payee, amount, account number and amount for each account. Fig-

ure 2 shows a typical output. ■

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990 LINE INPUT" PREVIOUS SPECIAL BAL?" ;WS;W5=VAL(WS)
1000 LINE INPUT" PREVIOUS BENEVOLENCES BAL?" ;WS;W6=VAL(WS)
1010 LINE INPUT" PREVIOUS CAPITAL FUND BAL?" ;WS;W7=VAL(WS)
1020 LINE INPUT" DISTRIBUTION-SPECIALS?" ;WS;W8=VAL(WS)
1030 W5=W5+EE-W8
1040 LINE INPUT" DISTRIBUTION-BENEVOLENCES?" ;WS;Y5=VAL(WS)
1050 W6=W6+D8-Y5
1060 LINE INPUT" DISTRIBUTION-CAPITAL FUND?" ;WS;Y6=VAL(WS)
1070 W7=W7+D9-Y6 ;W9=W5+W6+W7 ;X=D-S ;XX=B+X ;XY=XX-W9
1080 AAS=" " +####
1090 ABS=" " % #####.##
1100 ACS=" " % #####.## #####.## #####.## #####.## %
1110 ADS=" " % #####.## %
1120 AES=" " % #####.## #####.## #####.## #####.##
1130 AFS=" " % #####.## #####.## #####.## #####.##
1140 AGS=" " % #####.## #####.## #####.##
1150 AHS=" " % #####.## #####.## #####.##
1160 AIS=" " % % % #####.## %
1170 AJS=" " % #####.##
1180 LINE INPUT" POSITION PRINTER, KEY ENTER";WS
1190 PRINT#-2,TAB(10);"SCRIPPS MESA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH"
1200 PRINT#-2," "
1210 PRINT#-2,TAB(20);"FINANCIAL STATEMENT"
1220 PRINT#-2,TAB(25);AS
1230 PRINT#-2," "
1240 PRINT#-2,"SUMMARY:"
1250 PRINT#-2,USING AAS;"BEGINNING BALANCE";B
1260 PRINT#-2,USING ABS;"INCOME";D
1270 PRINT#-2,USING AAS;"EXPENSES";S
1280 IFX>0 THEN 1300
1290 PRINT#-2,USING AAS;"NET LOSS";X;GOTO 1310
1300 PRINT#-2,USING AAS;"NET GAIN";X
1310 PRINT#-2,USING AAS;"CASH ON HAND AT END OF MONTH";XX
1320 PRINT#-2," "
1330 PRINT#-2,USING ABS;"PLEDGED FOR MONTH";P
1340 PRINT#-2,USING ABS;"RECEIVED ON PLEDGES";D1
1350 PRINT#-2," "
1360 PRINT#-2,"INCOME"
1370 PRINT#-2," SUNDAY RECEIVED OTHER CHURCH SPECIALS
CONFERENCE TOTAL"
1380 PRINT#-2," ON PLEDGE CASH SCHOOL "
1390 FOR I=1TOM;K=1
1400 IF ES(I,K)<>" " THEN 1420
1410 E(I,K)=0

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1420 PRINT#-2,USING ACS;CS(I);D1(I);D2(I);D3(I);E(I,K);ES(I,K);F
(I);DD(I)
1430 K=K+1
1440 IF ES(I,K)=" " THEN 1470
1450 PRINT#-2,USING ADS;E(I,K);ES(I,K)
1460 GOTO 1430
1470 NEXT I
1480 PRINT#-2,USING AES;"TOTAL";D1;D2;D3;E;F;D
1490 PRINT#-2," "
1500 PRINT#-2,"EXPENSES"
1510 PRINT#-2,TAB(20);"BUDGETED ACTUAL BUDGETED ACTUAL FOR"
1520 PRINT#-2,TAB(20);"FOR MONTH FOR MONTH FOR YEAR YEAR TO DAT
E"
1530 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"SALARY";2000.00;V1;24000.00;X1
1540 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"RENT";1000.00;V2;12000.00;X2
1550 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"ADVERTISING";100.00;V3;1200.00;X3
1560 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"OFFICE SUPPLIES";150.00;V4;1800.00;X4
1570 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"EQUIPMENT";100.00;V5;1200.00;X5
1580 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"TELEPHONE";100.00;V6;1200.00;X6
1590 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"EDUCATION";100.00;V7;1200.00;X7
1600 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"YOUTH";50.00;V8;600.00;X8
1610 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"CONFERENCE";25.00;V1;300.00;Y1
1620 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"SPECIAL 1";0.00;W2;0.00;Y2
1630 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"SPECIAL 2";0.00;W3;0.00;Y3
1640 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"SPECIAL 3";0.00;W4;0.00;Y4
1650 PRINT#-2,USING AFS;"TOTAL";3625.00;WW;43500.00;YY
1660 PRINT#-2," "
1670 PRINT#-2," DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS:"
1680 PRINT#-2,TAB(20);"RECEIVED DISBURSED BALANCE"
1690 PRINT#-2,USING AGS;"SPECIAL";EE;W8;W5
1700 PRINT#-2,USING AGS;"BENEVOLENCES";D8;Y5;W6
1710 PRINT#-2,USING AGS;"CAPITAL FUND";D9;Y6;W7
1720 PRINT#-2,USING AHS;"TOTAL";W9
1730 PRINT#-2,USING AHS;"AVAILABLE CASH";XY
1740 PRINT#-2," EQUALS CASH ON HAND LESS TOTAL DESIGNATED ACCOUN
TS"
1750 CLS:LINE INPUT"KEY A FOR A CHECK LIST OR R TO REPEAT SUMMA
RY";WS
1760 IFWS="R" THEN 1180
1770 IF WS=" " THEN END
1780 LINE INPUT" POSITION PRINTER,KEY ENTER";WS
1790 PRINT#-2," CHECK SUMMARY FOR ";AS
1800 FOR I=1TOM
1810 K=1
1820 PRINT#-2,USING AIS;GS(I);HS(I);RS(I);S(I);TS(I,K);U(I,K)
1830 K=K+1
1840 IF TS(I,K)=" " THEN GOTO 1870
1850 PRINT#-2,USING AJS;TS(I,K);S(I,K)
1860 GOTO 1830
1870 NEXT
1880 GOTO 1750

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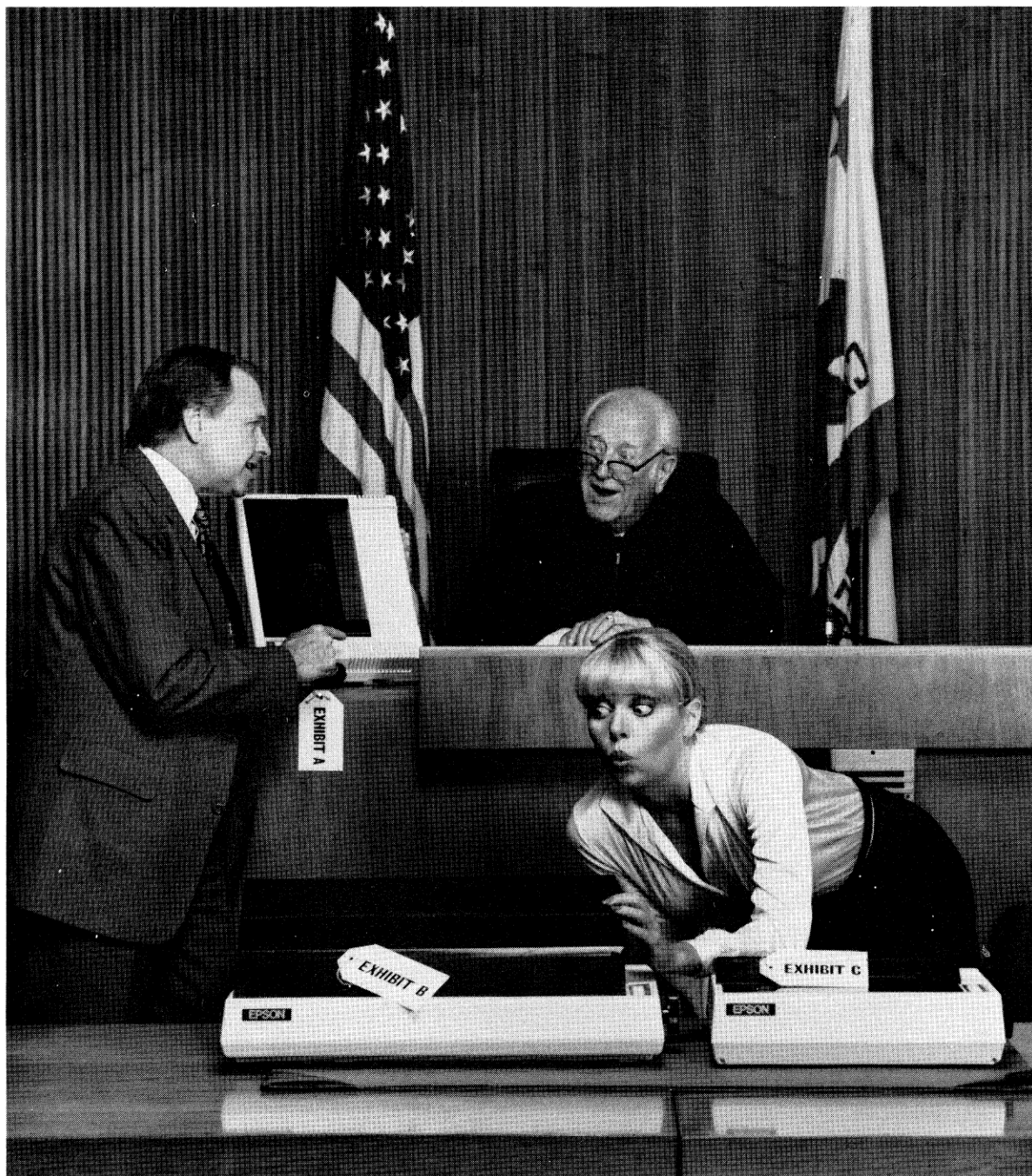
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This process involves a lot of disk switching (especially for one drive users) and has some drawbacks. For example, many machine-language programs on the market reside below 7000H. Loading object files below 7000H is risky business, since some or all of DOS may be overwritten. It is interesting that many files loading around 5200H-6000H work as long as you execute that file, not load it.

When you execute your machine language file, DOS calls in and jumps to the needed load routines. But if you load the file, returning to a DOS Ready state, extra DOS routines are called in after loading to handle command processing. These routines overlap your file. Hence, never write machine language software for disk that resides below 7000H, the safe zone for disk-based systems.

The program you wish to modify or copy may reside where your monitor is, wiping it out. This often means that you will need some other version of your monitor program residing in a different portion of memory.

My Solution

DSAVE/CMD is an Assembly language program (see Program

Listing 1) that takes any machine language file on disk and punches it out on tape. Then you can load the program from cassette and it will perform like it did before. The formats of machine language software on disk

This type of loading allows any memory location to load independently of any other location (each record or "chunk" of bytes has its own starting address). This is how DOS is able to manage assembled files that may be

01 nn addr:	Load the following nn bytes starting at location address (stored in LSB, MSB format)
05 nn:	Skip the following nn bytes
02 02 addr:	Jump to location address

Table 1

01	10	00	70	(load the next 10H bytes starting at 7000H)
21	00	3C	11	01 3C 01 FF 03 36 BF ED B0 C3 0D 42 (the actual data)
02	02	00	70	(Jump to 7000H)

Table 2

Making a System tape out of any disk/CMD file is a slow and cautious process prone to human error. If you have a machine language program (let's call it SNOOPY/CMD) on disk that you wish to run on a friend's tape-based Model I, you might follow this procedure:

● Run NEWDOS LMOFFSET utility to find the starting, ending and entry points of SNOOPY/CMD.

● Load SNOOPY/CMD.

● Execute RSM2D48/CMD, or

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and tape differ, so I wanted DSAVE to do any conversion necessary.

Object files are not stored internally on disk. Instead, any machine language file is interspersed with control codes and data bytes necessary for DOS bookkeeping. Object files are stored on disk as follows: Loader code plus argument plus actual data plus transfer code plus execution address. Table 1 lists the codes.

Data is loaded in chunks of 256 bytes or less, meaning that the loader code/argument/data cycle is repeated until the entire file has been placed in memory.

ORGed by the assembler in more than one place. System format tapes also have this capability.

The skip code is interesting: When DOS encounters the 05 code, it skips the next nn bytes and continues processing. This allows you to embed hidden comments, copyright notices and the like within the file for informational purposes without actually changing the code loaded into memory.

The transfer code is always the last control code of any machine language file. After all has been loaded or skipped, the 0202 code tells DOS to jump to

the following address, thereby executing the program.

Program Listing 2 is a simple screen-zap routine. The actual code for this program is shown in the second column. On disk this code would be stored as shown in Table 2.

OK, that's simple enough. But if there is a hidden comment, it would look like this:

05 05 (Skip the following 5 bytes)
48 41 20 48 41 (ASCII for "HA HA")
01 10 00 70 (continue with the process as before)

Many DOS routines (notably the /SYS files) have sneaky messages. Each of these starts with code to skip over a copyright message following. Warning: The codes in Table 1 are the most common, used 99 percent of the time. However, the values of 00 and 03-1FH are also valid numbers for the skip code. The 02 02 code may have any byte after the first 02—the second byte is a place holder.

System Tapes

System format tapes are similar to the /CMD format files: Data is also recorded in 256 byte (or less) records with control codes embedded therein. The basic System format is: 255 zeroes plus A5H (leader and leader terminator) plus 55H sync byte plus six filename bytes plus 3CH record byte plus nn bytes to load plus load address plus data plus checksum plus 78H transfer code plus transfer address.

This may seem complex at first, but is really similar to the DOS format. The 255 zeroes and A5H make up the leader, whose purpose is to get the computer in tune with the tape before loading data. The 55H byte indicates the filename follows. The next six bytes make up the filename of the program, which is left justified and padded with blanks. The 3CH record byte serves the same purpose as DOS' 01H loader code, and starts off every data block. The next byte is the number of bytes to load, followed by the starting address of where to place the data (also in the same style as the DOS format). The actual data follows, followed by a one byte checksum of the data. The checksum byte is calculated by

Program Listing 1

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00010 ;*****
00020 ;***          DSAVE          ***
00030 ;*** /CMD TO SYSTEM FORMAT CONVERTER ***
00040 ;*** FOR DISK BASED MODEL I TRS-80'S ***
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00110 ;*****
00120 ORG      07000H ;MEMSIZE=START-1 ; CALL WITH US

7000 R
7000 31FE6F 00130 START LD      SP,START-2
7003 CDC901 00140 CALL    01C9H ;CLS
7006 215871 00150 LD      HL,HIMSG
7009 CD4671 00160 CALL    DISPLY
700C 219171 00170 LD      HL,FILMSG ;INPUT MESSAGE
700F CD4671 00180 CALL    DISPLY
7012 213672 00190 LD      HL,DCB
7015 0617 00200 LD      B,23
7017 CDD905 00210 CALL    5D9H ;INPUT
701A AF 00220 XOR      A ;TEST TO SEE IF ANY FILENAME
701B B0 00230 OR       B ;WAS ENTERED
701C 28EE 00240 JR       Z,DOIT ;GET IT RIGHT IF NOT
701E E5 00250 PUSH     HL
701F D1 00260 POP      DE ;DE NOW HAS DCB
7020 215672 00270 LD      HL,BUFFER
7023 0600 00280 LD      B,0 ;LRL=0
7025 CD2444 00290 CALL    4424H ;OPEN FILE
7028 C25071 00300 JP       NZ,ERROR1 ;DISK ERROR?
702B 115673 00310 LD      DE,STORAG ;MAIN STORAGE BUFFER
702E C5 00320 STLOOP PUSH    BC
702F D5 00330 PUSH     DE
7030 113672 00340 LD      DE,DCB
7033 CD3644 00350 CALL    4436H ;READ A SECTOR
7036 D1 00360 POP      DE ;RESTORE DESTINATION
7037 FE1C 00370 CP       1CH ;EOF?
7039 2813 00380 JR       Z,OUT
703B FE1D 00390 CP       1DH ;RECORD NOT FOUND?
703D 280F 00400 JR       Z,OUT
703F B7 00410 OR       A ;RESET FLAG
7040 C24F71 00420 JP       NZ,ERROR ;OTHERWISE, DISK ERROR
7043 215672 00430 LD      HL,BUFFER ;SOURCE BUFFER
7046 010001 00440 LD      BC,256 ;256 BYTE SECTORS
7049 EDB0 00450 LDIR     ;MOVE TO STORAGE AREA
704B C1 00460 POP      BC ;RESTORE SECTOR COUNT
704C 18E0 00470 JR       STLOOP
704E 113672 00480 OUT     LD      DE,DCB
7051 CD2844 00490 CALL    4428H ;CLOSE FILE
7054 C25071 00500 JP       NZ,ERROR1
7057 3A5673 00510 LD      A,(STORAG)
705A FE01 00520 CP       1 ;CORRECT FORMAT?
705C CA6470 00530 JP       Z,OK ;GUESS SO
705F FE05 00540 CP       5 ;SKIP CODE?
7061 C21571 00550 JP       NZ,STUPID ;WRONG FORMAT AFTER ALL

7064 213672 00560 OK     LD      HL,DCB
7067 0606 00570 LD      B,6
7069 3620 00580 CLEAR   LD      (HL),' ' ;CLEAR FILENAME
706B 23 00590 INC      HL
706C 10FB 00600 DJNZ    CLEAR
706E 21A671 00610 NOPE   LD      HL,ENTMSG ;"PRESS ENTER TO SAVE"
7071 CD4671 00620 CALL    DISPLY
7074 0606 00630 LD      B,6 ;6 BYTES MAX FOR FILENAME
7076 213672 00640 LD      HL,DCB
7079 CDD905 00650 CALL    5D9H
707C 7E 00660 LD      A,(HL) ;NO LEADING BLANKS, PLEASE
707D FE20 00670 CP       ' '
707F 28ED 00680 JR       Z,NOPE
7081 FE0D 00690 CP       0DH ;OR NULL FILENAMES
7083 28E9 00700 JR       Z,NOPE
7085 F3 00710 DI       ;NO INTERRUPTS FOR I/O
7086 AF 00720 YUP     XOR      A ;CASSETTE DRIVE 0
7087 CD1202 00730 CALL    212H
708A 3E2A 00740 LD      A,'*'
708C 323E3C 00750 LD      (3C3EH),A ;PUT ON ASTERISKS
708F 323F3C 00760 LD      (3C3FH),A
7092 CD8702 00770 CALL    287H ;WRITE LEADER & SYNC
7095 3E55 00780 LD      A,55H ;"SYSTEM" TAPE HEADER
7097 CD6402 00790 CALL    264H ;WRITE BYTE
709A 0606 00800 LD      B,6 ;6 BYTE FILENAME
709C 213672 00810 LD      HL,DCB
709F CD4371 00820 FLOOP  CALL    GETBYT
70A2 CD6402 00830 CALL    264H
70A5 10F8 00840 DJNZ    FLOOP

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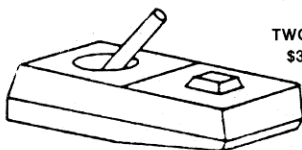
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70AA CD4371	00860	RELOOP CALL	GETBYT	;GET LOADER CODE
70AD FE01	00870	CP	1	;OK TO LOAD?
70AF 280A	00880	JR	Z,NORMAL	;JUMP IF SO
70B1 FE02	00890	CP	2	;END?
70B3 2838	00900	JR	Z,FINIS	
70B5 FE05	00910	CP	5	;SKIP?
70B7 284D	00920	JR	Z,SKIP	;SKIP X BYTES
70B9 185A	00930	JR	STUPID	;FUNNY CODE/WRONG FORMAT
70BB 3E3C	00940	NORMAL LD	A,3CH	;START OF RECORD CODE
70BD CD6402	00950	CALL	264H	
70C0 CD4371	00960	CALL	GETBYT	
70C3 3D	00970	DEC	A	;COMPENSATE FOR NOT
70C4 3D	00980	DEC	A	;COUNTING ADDRESS AS DATA
70C5 CD6402	00990	CALL	264H	;WRITE BYTE COUNT
70C8 47	01000	LD	B,A	;SET UP FOR LOOP
70C9 CD4371	01010	CALL	GETBYT	;GET LSB OF ADDRESS
70CC 5F	01020	LD	E,A	
70CD CD6402	01030	CALL	264H	
70D0 CD4371	01040	CALL	GETBYT	;GET MSB
70D3 57	01050	LD	D,A	
70D4 CD6402	01060	CALL	264H	
70D7 83	01070	ADD	A,E	
70D8 4F	01080	LD	C,A	;INITIALIZE CHECKSUM
70D9 CD4371	01090	PLOOP CALL	GETBYT	;MAIN DATA LOOP
70DC CD6402	01100	CALL	264H	
70DF 81	01110	ADD	A,C	;COMPUTE CHECKSUM
70E0 4F	01120	LD	C,A	
70E1 13	01130	INC	DE	;BUMP CHECKSUM ADDRESS
70E2 10F5	01140	DJNZ	PLOOP	
70E4 79	01150	LD	A,C	;GET CHECKSUM
70E5 CD6402	01160	CALL	264H	;AND WRITE
70E8 CD2C02	01170	CALL	22CH	;BLINK *
70EB 18BD	01180	JR	RELOOP	;DO 'TIL DONE
70ED CD4371	01190	FINIS CALL	GETBYT	;DISCARD DUMMY BYTE
70F0 3E78	01200	LD	A,78H	;TRANSFER CODE
70F2 CD6402	01210	CALL	264H	
70F5 CD4371	01220	CALL	GETBYT	;LSB OF TRANSFER ADDRESS
70F8 CD6402	01230	CALL	264H	
70FB CD4371	01240	CALL	GETBYT	;MSB OR TRANSFER
70FE CD6402	01250	CALL	264H	
7101 CDF801	01260	CALL	01F8H	;CASSETTE OFF
7104 1817	01270	JR	AGAIN	;RECOPY?
7106 CD4371	01280	SKIP CALL	GETBYT	;GET BYTES TO SKIP
7109 47	01290	LD	B,A	
710A CD4371	01300	SKIPL CALL	GETBYT	; & SKIP
710D 10FB	01310	DJNZ	SKIPL	
710F 1899	01320	JR	RELOOP	
7111 FB	01330	NOMORE EI	;INTERRUPTS ON	
7112 C32D40	01340	JP	402DH	
7115 211D72	01350	STUPID LD	HL,DUMB	
7118 CD4671	01360	CALL	DISPLY	
711B 18F4	01370	JR	NOMORE	
711D 21C071	01380	AGAIN LD	HL,COPMSG	
7120 CD4671	01390	CALL	DISPLY	
7123 CD2B00	01400	KYLOOP CALL	2BH	;SCAN KYBD
7126 FE59	01410	CP	'Y'	;COPY AGAIN?
7128 2806	01420	JR	Z,FORSUR	;YEA, VERILY
712A FE4E	01430	CP	'N'	;SAY THEE NAY?
712C 28E3	01440	JR	Z,NOMORE	;GUESS SO
712E 18F3	01450	JR	KYLOOP	;KEEP ON SCANNIN'
7130 CDC901	01460	FORSUR CALL	01C9H	;CLS
7133 21DF71	01470	LD	HL,MSG	; "PRESS ENTER"
7136 CD4671	01480	CALL	DISPLY	
7139 CD2B00	01490	KYLP CALL	2BH	
713C FE0D	01500	CP	0DH	;ENTER?
713E 20F9	01510	JR	NZ,KYLP	;WAIT 'TIL PRESSED
7140 C38670	01520	JP	YUP	;OTHERWISE, DO IT AGAIN
7143 7E	01530	GETBYT LD	A,(HL)	
7144 23	01540	INC	HL	
7145 C9	01550	RET		
7146 7E	01560	DISPLY LD	A,(HL)	
7147 B7	01570	OR	A	
7148 C8	01580	RET	Z	
7149 CD3300	01590	CALL	33H	
714C 23	01600	INC	HL	
714D 18F7	01610	JR	DISPLY	
714F F1	01620	ERROR POP	AF	;DUMMY POP
7150 21FC71	01630	ERROR! LD	HL,ERRMSG	
7153 CD4671	01640	CALL	DISPLY	
7156 18B9	01650	JR	NOMORE	
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7159 44	01670	DEFM	'DSAVE VERSION 2.0 COPYRIGHT	
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			0D0DH	
			0	
			'ENTER FILESPEC ---> '	
718E 0D0D	01680	DEFW		
7190 00	01690	DEFB		
7191 45	01700	FILMSG DEFM		

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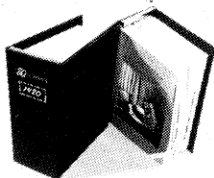
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71A6 45      01720 ENTMSG DEFM      'ENTER TAPE FILENAME ---> '
71BF 00      01730      DEFB      0
71C0 0D      01740 COPMSG DEFB      0DH
71C1 44      01750      DEFM      'DO YOU WISH TO RECOPY? (Y/N) '
71DD 0D      01760      DEFB      0DH
71DE 00      01770      DEFB      0
71DF 50      01780 PMSG   DEFM      'PRESS =ENTER= TO WHEN READY'
71FA 0D      01790      DEFB      0DH
71FB 00      01800      DEFB      0
71FC 0D      01810 ERRMSG DEFB      0DH
71FD 44      01820      DEFM      'DISK ERROR - FUNCTION ABORTED.'
721B 0D      01830      DEFB      0DH
721C 00      01840      DEFB      0
721D 0D      01850 DUMB   DEFB      0DH
721E 49      01860      DEFM      'INCORRECT FILE FORMAT!'
7234 0D      01870      DEFB      0DH
7235 00      01880      DEFB      0
0020      01890 DCB     DEFS      32
0100      01900 BUFFER  DEFS      256
7356      01910 STORAG  EQU       $
7000      01920      END      START
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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7000      00100 START   ORG      7000H
7000      21003C 00110   LD       HL,3C00H ;VIDEO MEM LOC
7003      11013C 00120   LD       DE,3C01H ;VIDEO MEM + 1
7006      01FF03 00130   LD       BC,3FFH ;BYTE COUNT
7009      36BF   00140   LD       (HL),0BFH ;WRITE A CHR$(191)
700B      EDB0   00150   LDIR      ;ZAP!!
700D      C30D42 00160   JP        402DH ;JUMP TO DOS
7000      00170 END     START

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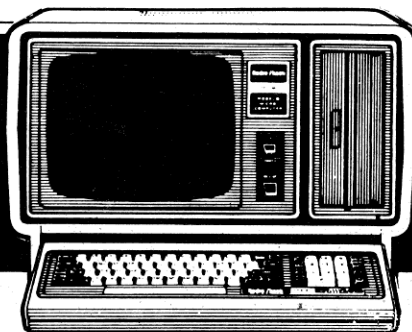
Program Listing 2

adding each data byte to the previous data byte, after initially adding the low order memory location of where it is supposed to go. This way, the computer calculates its own checksum byte from the loaded data block and compares it with the one on tape. If they differ, there has been a loading error and C is dis-

played next to the blinking asterisk on the screen. The record byte/data/checksum format is repeated until the entire program is loaded. DOS files of any type do not need checksum bytes, as the floppy disk controller performs error checking and checksumming. Unfortunately, Basic (CSAVE) and data tapes have none.

Just like DOS, the last code loaded is the 78H transfer code. The execution address follows, where the program is executed and the process is complete.

DSAVE/CMD's code has plenty of comments, so the flow of the program should become clear. DSAVE also writes /SYS files to tape, as the format for /SYS and /CMD files is basically the same. To use the program, just follow the prompts. DSAVE supports multiple copying as well as error checking for DOS errors and file format errors. Try converting a Basic or ASCII file and see what happens. Feel free to modify this program to fit your own needs. ■

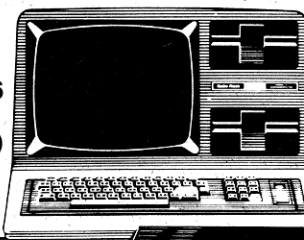


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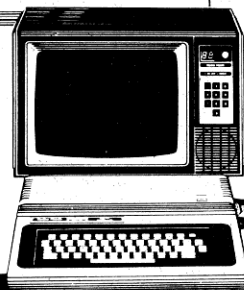
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VARIABLE	USE
A	UNITS FLAG
	1: SYSTEM INTERNATIONALE
	2: US SYSTEM
TF	TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)
AT	TEMPERATURE (DEGREES CENTIGRADE)
VM	WIND VELOCITY (MILES PER HOUR)
V	WIND VELOCITY (METERS PER SECOND)
H	HEAT LOSS (kcal/m ² /hour)
TA	EQUIVALENT TEMPERATURE (DEGREES CENTIGRADE)
FT	EQUIVALENT TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)
AS	DESCRIPTION OF OUTSIDE CONDITIONS BASED UPON HEAT LOSS RATE 'H'

Table 1

values.

The first step in determining the equivalent temperature is the calculation of the heat loss from exposed skin due to the combined effects of wind speed and air temperature. The equation, as determined from human physiological studies, is:

$$H = ((33 - T) \times (10.45 + (10 \times \sqrt{V}) - V))$$

where: H = heat loss in kcal/m²/hr

T = air temperature in degrees centigrade

V = wind speed in meters/sec

Once H has been calculated, you can calculate the equivalent temperature from the following equation:

$$ET = 33 - (H / 22.034)$$

where: H = heat loss in kcal/m²/hr (from the first equation)

ET = equivalent temperature in degrees centigrade

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Based upon the calculated value of H, another, more subtle evaluation of the conditions can be made. The follow-

Program Listing

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100 ' *****
110 ' *      TRS-80 MODEL III MICROCOMPUTER PROGRAM      *
120 ' *                                  TO DETERMINE      *
130 ' *      EQUIVALENT WIND CHILL TEMPERATURE          *
140 ' *      FROM WIND VELOCITY AND TEMPERATURE INPUTS    *
150 ' *                                                    *
160 ' *      BY JOHN L. CRANMER, JR. P.E.                *

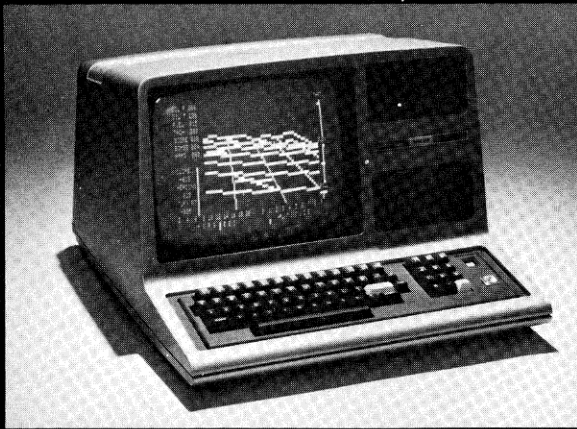
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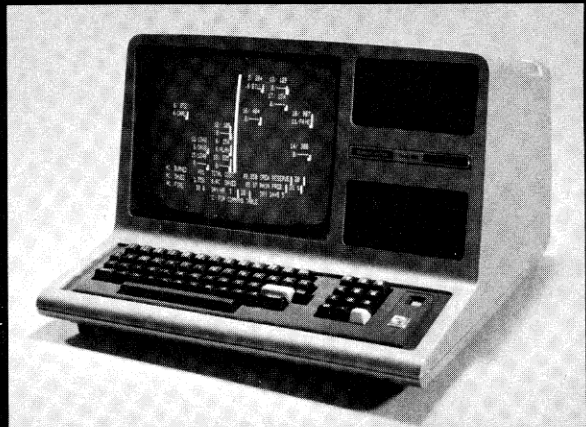
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ing chart describes the weather conditions for the various values of H:

H	Weather Description
0-200	Hot
200-400	Pleasant
400-600	Cool
600-800	Very Cool
800-1,000	Cold
1,000-1,200	Very Cold
1,200-1,400	Bitterly Cold
1,400-2,000	Exposure Disagreeable
2,000-2,300	Exposure Dangerous
2,300-3,000	Survival Uncertain

The above descriptions are subjective evaluations and are averages for a number of subjects. Individuals will probably vary from this norm.

The program is designed for a Model III using Disk Basic, but it should also run on Level II, since none of the extra features of Disk Basic have been used. Lines 200-390 represent the input section of the program, with data being entered in either SI or US units (data entered in US units will be converted to SI for calculations). Lines 400-530 are the calculation portion of the program. Lines 540-660 are the output portion of the program and will display the output in the same units (SI or US) as entered. Line 410 represents the computer allowing for the threshold value of wind speed. The POKE command in line 200 is for the Model III only, as it controls the screen scroll protection. Table 1 lists the program variables and their corresponding units. ■

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Listing continued

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170 ' *
VAN HORN, TEXAS
180 ' *****
190 '
200 CLS:PRINT:POKE 16916,3
210 PRINT " WIND CHILL FACTOR"
220 PRINT
230 PRINT "TEMPERATURE AND WIND VELOCITY CAN BE"
240 PRINT "ENTERED IN METRIC OR US UNITS"
250 PRINT "ENTER <1> FOR METRIC OR <2> FOR US"
260 INPUT A
270 IF A < 1 OR A > 2 THEN PRINT "TRY AGAIN":GOTO 250
280 IF A = 1 THEN GOTO 360
290 PRINT "ENTER AIR TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)?"
300 INPUT TF
310 AT = (5 * (TF - 32))/9
320 PRINT "ENTER WIND VELOCITY (MILES PER HOUR)?"
330 INPUT VM
340 V = VM * .4470
350 GOTO 400
360 PRINT "ENTER AIR TEMPERATURE (DEGREES CENTIGRADE)?"
370 INPUT AT
380 PRINT "ENTER WIND VELOCITY (METERS PER SECOND)?"
390 INPUT V
400 H = (33 - AT)*(10.45 + (10 * SQR(V)) - V)
410 IF V <= 1.788 THEN TA = AT:GOTO 430
420 TA = 33 - (H/22.034)
430 IF A = 2 THEN FT = (9*TA/5) + 32
440 IF H > 0 AND H <= 200 THEN AS$ = "HOT"
450 IF H > 200 AND H <= 400 THEN AS$ = "PLEASANT"
460 IF H > 400 AND H <= 600 THEN AS$ = "COOL"
470 IF H > 600 AND H <= 800 THEN AS$ = "VERY COOL"
480 IF H > 800 AND H <= 1000 THEN AS$ = "COLD"
490 IF H > 1000 AND H <= 1200 THEN AS$ = "VERY COLD"
500 IF H > 1200 AND H <= 1400 THEN AS$ = "BITTERLY COLD"
510 IF H > 1400 AND H <= 2000 THEN AS$ = "OUTSIDE EXPOSURE DISAGREEABLE"
520 IF H > 2000 AND H <= 2300 THEN AS$ = "OUTSIDE EXPOSURE DANGEROUS"
530 IF H > 2300 THEN AS$ = "OUTSIDE SURVIVAL UNCERTAIN"
540 CLS
550 IF A = 1 THEN GOTO 610
560 PRINT "OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE IS: ";TF;" DEGREES FAHRENHEIT"
570 PRINT "WIND VELOCITY IS: ";VM;" MILES PER HOUR"
580 PRINT
590 PRINT "EQUIVALENT OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE IS: ";:PRINT USING "##
##";FT:PRINT " DEGREES FAHRENHEIT"
600 GOTO 650
610 PRINT "OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE IS: ";AT;" DEGREES CENTRIGRADE"
620 PRINT "WIND VELOCITY IS: ";V;" METERS PER SECOND"
630 PRINT
640 PRINT "EQUIVALENT OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE IS: ";:PRINT USING "###
##";TA:PRINT " DEGREES CENTIGRADE"
650 PRINT "OUTSIDE CONDITIONS ARE: ";AS$
660 END

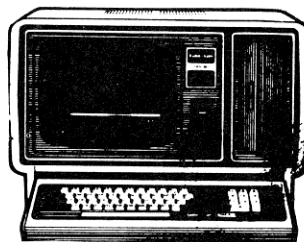
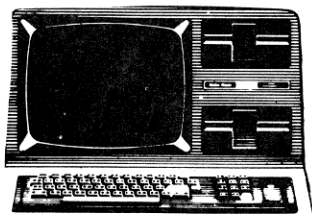
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Supervisor calls (SVCs), machine code subroutines hidden in inaccessible memory, are called by loading their number into the A register and performing a restart (RST 08H) instruction.

The TRS-80 Owner's Manual was little help when I tried to use these calls. Thankfully, Radio Shack shed some light on this subject by describing the use of USR commands from a Basic program and programming with SVCs in the May and August 1980 issues of *TRS-80 Micro-computer News*. The first article enabled me to selectively scroll

part of the screen and the second routine blocks the Break key, disallowing access and interruptions to my program. I have incorporated these two subroutines as well as two others into the top 84 bytes of user memory.

Break Disabler

This subroutine will disable the Break key and prevent access to the program and its disruption by accidental use. To enter, save, and call this program, follow these steps:

- After receiving the TRSDOS ready signal, type: DEBUG ON, then DEBUG.

- Enter the subcommand M A=EFE0, then press the F1 key.

- Enter the hex code into the displayed memory positions, as shown in Fig. 1.

- Press the F2 key, then S to

return to TRSDOS.

- Type: DUMP SETBRK/CIM START=EFE0, END=EFF3, TRA=EFE2, RORT=T then push Enter to save the program to disk.

- Type and enter DEBUG OFF.

- Type: BASIC —M:61100 to protect the segment of upper memory for the subroutines.

You may then test the subroutine by typing: SYSTEM "SETBRK/CIM" in a Basic program or directly in the command mode. Before invoking this routine Debug must be off or control will transfer to Debug.

The Assembly code listing for this short subroutine is Program Listing 1. In essence, it replaces the resident break-processing routine with a simple return instruction. There is currently no method to make the Break key work again using an SVC call. One must reset the computer to restore the Break key function.

Scroll Protection

Scroll protection is useful when displaying tables longer than 24 lines. Table headings remain in the USR-call-protected upper screen while the table values to scroll below.

This subroutine utilizes

SCROLL (SVC 27). The number of lines to be protected will be passed in the USR argument. The Debug hexadecimal input is shown in Fig. 2, and Program Listing 2 shows the Assembly listing. Enter:

- DEBUG ON <Enter>

- DEBUG <Enter>

- M A=EFD0

- Press F1

- Enter the hex codes shown in Fig. 2

- Press F2

- Press 'S'

- DUMP SCROLL/CIM START=EFD0, END=EFDC, RORT=R <Enter>

- BASIC —M:61100 <Enter>

The following program illustrates this utility:

```
10 SYSTEM "LOAD SCROLL/CIM"
20 DEFUSR0=&HEFDO
30 CLS
40 X=USR0(2):REM Number of lines to
   protect=2
50 PRINT @0, "TABLE HEADING"
```

	Page Length			Lines/Page			Width		
	Dec	Hex	ADDR	Dec	Hex	ADDR	Dec	Hex	ADDR
Form 1	66	42	EEBB	60	3C	EEBD	80	50	EEBF
Form 2	42	2A	EEC7	42	2A	EEC9	80	50	EECB
Form 3			EED3			EED5			EED7
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Table 1. Parameter Definition. Values in first two formats are used as examples

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70 FOR I = 1 TO 80
80 PRINT "VALUE"; I
90 FOR J = 1 TO 100 : NEXT : REM
    Delay loop
```

```
100 NEXT
110 END
```

A CLS command will restore normal screen behavior.

Formatted Input

This subroutine controls operator input. It will prevent excessive input from overwriting screen directives; prevent screen format scrolling by an improper input; allow precise control of file fields by specifying length; and allow selective editing of string data.

The key to this subroutine is KBLINE (SVC 5). Its use is complicated, since it must be directed to a specific string memory storage location and must receive and return arguments to the Basic USR statement. Program Listing 3 shows the Assembly program and Fig. 3 illustrates the Debug hexadecimal input. Enter the program into the proper memory locations as previously described. Save this program after receiving the TRSDOS ready prompt by typing: DUMP INPUT/CIM START = EF00, END = EF21, RORT = R. Again load Basic—M:61100 and test the subroutine with the following program:

```
10 SYSTEM "LOAD INPUT/CIM"
20 DEFUSR1 = &HEF00
30 CLS
40 INPUT "MAXIMUM LENGTH OF
    STRING FIELD"; IL
50 INPUT "PRINT AT SCREEN LOCA-
    TION"; IP
60 CLS
70 $$ = SPACES(IL)
80 PRINT @ IP,; X = USR1
    (VARPTR($$))
90 PRINT "NUMBER OF INPUT CHAR-
    ACTERS, INCLUDING ENTER = ", X
100 PRINT "LENGTH OF STRING, IN-
    CLUDING TRAILING SPACES = ";
    LEN($$)
110 PRINT "PUSH ANY KEY TO CON-
    TINUE";
120 IF INKEY$ = " " THEN 120
130 GOTO 30
```

Experiment with this program using the arrow keys; Control and X; Control and W; Escape; Backspace and Enter.

Unfortunately, there are a few

confining features to this subroutine. It can only be used for new data entry; a carriage return, automatically incorporated into the string, often destroys screen formats; and the control key effects go beyond the field length. To correct these limitations, the subroutine must be completely rewritten.

The Assembly program is shown in Program Listing 4 and its hex notation in Fig. 4. Carefully enter the code and save the subroutine with the TRSDOS command: DUMP INPUT2/CIM START = EF00, END = EFCC, RORT = R.

Now load Basic, again protecting memory above 61100, and enter Program Listing 5. This program will provide all the features promised above. Use the Edit function to replace single letters in the string by moving the cursor with the arrow keys; the escape key replaces the cursor to the beginning of the field. The string of periods denoting input position and length, no longer automatically printed by the subroutine (to allow for the Edit function), must be added to the Basic code (line 190).

In some applications, you may not wish to have trailing blanks. You can then use the information sent back to the USR routine in the X variable, for example: LEFT\$(S\$,X). Change line 3000 in Program Listing 5 to read: 3000 X = USR2(VARPTR(S\$)): ID\$(I) = LEFT\$(S\$,X). This modification will print a more respectable address label but will interfere with the Edit function.

The program is easily expanded to full-screen data entry by adding more data statements and increasing the final value in the For...Next loop (line 150). The INSTR function in line 240 forces proper INKEY\$ input and directs the On...GOTO command appropriately.

One cautionary note: the INPUT2/CIM subroutine will

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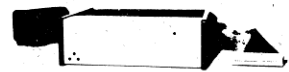
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change string variables within the program line if they are defined as constants within quotes. To illustrate this, type in the following program:

```
10 SYSTEM "LOAD INPUT2/CIM"
20 DEFUSR2 = &HEF00
30 $$ = "MM/DD/YY"
40 CLS : PRINT @ 800, "INPUT DATE": $$ :
  PRINT @ 811, ": X = USR2(VARPTR($$))
50 LIST
```

Run this program a few times and note the \$\$ variable in line 30 changes with different input. When the string variable is a constant, the VARPTR function points to the area of memory where the program line with the constant is stored, instead of to the string storage space in high RAM. This phenomenon allows string packing techniques in Level II. There may be beneficial uses, but in most cases it is undesirable. Now change line 30 to `$$ = CHR$(77) + CHR$(77) + CHR$(47) + CHR$(68) + CHR$(68) + CHR$(47) + CHR$(89) + CHR$(89)` and rerun the program. If \$\$ is set equal to `SPACE$(8), STRING$(8,46), ...`, the routines

will operate properly.

Forms Control

If you have a program using several sizes of printed forms, or if you are tired of answering the forms questions, this next subroutine is for you. Four different formats are available in the subroutine; switch from one to another by simply changing the argument in the USR command.

To construct this subroutine, first define your desired parameters (Table 1).

Next insert the hex values into the proper places of the program in Fig. 5. Enter the hex code into memory, then type: `DUMP FORMS/CIM START = EEAD, END = EEF5, RORT = R`. In the Basic program you must again provide for loading, identifying the entry point and USR number; for example:

```
10 SYSTEM "LOAD FORMS/CIM"
20 DEFUSR2 = &HEEAD
```

Easy changes in forms may then be made by: `X = USR2(# of desired format)`. Of course, your

program must now prompt you to load the proper paper and adjust to top-of-form before executing the USR command. As Program Listing 6 indicates, line count and character count are reset to zero (top of form, left margin) when the USR call is executed.

Summary

If you use all these routines in a single program, combine them by following these steps:

- From TRSDOS Ready, type SETBRK/CIM and Enter.
- SCROLL/CIM and Enter.
- INPUT2/CIM and Enter.
- FORMS/CIM and Enter.
- DUMP SUBROU/CIM START

= EEAD, END = EEF5, TRA = EFE2, RORT = T and Enter.

- BASIC — M:61100 and Enter.
- Place the following at the beginning of the Basic program:

```
10 SYSTEM "SUBROU/CIM"
20 DEFUSR0 = &HEFD0
30 DEFUSR1 = &HEF00
40 DEFUSR2 = &HEEAD
```

- Use the USR commands as previously described and as required within the program. ■

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Program Listing 1. Assembly program for SETBRK/CIM.

Address	Hex Op codes	Z80 Mnemonics	Comments
EFE0	F3	F3	Stores RETurn address.
EFE1	EF	EF	
EFE2	21 00 00	LD HL,0000H	Remove prev. processing prog.
EFE5	3E 03	LD A,03H	Execute SETBRK SVC.
EFE7	CF	RST 08H	
EFE8	ED 5B E0 EF	LD DE, (EFE0H)	Store "RET" as new

Listing 1 continues

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EFE0	22 E0 EF	LD (EFE0H),HL	BREAK-processing
EFEF	EB	EX DE,HL	program.
EFF0	3E 03	LD A,03H	Execute SETBRK SVC.
EFF2	CF	RST 08H	
EFF3	C9	RET	Return to Basic.

```

TRS-80 Model II DEBUG Program
EFD0  F3 EF 21 00 00 3E 03 CF ED 5B E0 EF 22 E0 EF EB .00.29.01.
EFD1  3E 03 CF C9 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 >.....
EFD2  23 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF #.....
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PC SP SZHPNC AF BC DE HL IX IY AF' BC' DE' HL'
2800 21FE 000000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
? P
DEBUG is now ON
TRSDOS READY
DEBUG
  
```

Fig. 1. Hex code for SETBRK/CIM

```

TRS-80 Model II DEBUG Program
EFD0  21 D8 EF E5 2A 03 28 E9 45 3E 1B CF C9 00 00 00 00 .00.46.29.
EFD1  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 !...*(.E>.....
EFD2  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
EFD3  23 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF #.....
F000  FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
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? P
  
```

Fig. 2. Hex code for SCROLL/CIM

ADDRESS	HEX OP CODES	Z-80 MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
EFD0	21 D8 EF	LD HL,EFD8H	Save continuation
EFD3	E5	PUSH HL	address
EFD4	2A 03 28	LD HL,(2803H)	Convert USR argument
EFD7	E9	JP (HL)	to integer.
EFD8	45	LD B,L	# lines to protect.
EFD9	3E 1B	LD A,1BH	Execute SCROLL SVC.
EFD8	CF	RST 08H	
EFD0	C9	RET	Return to BASIC.

Program Listing 2. Assembly program for SCROLL/CIM

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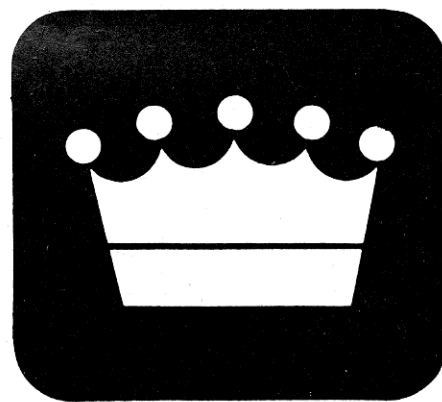
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? P
  
```

Fig. 3. Hex code for INPUT/CIM

Program Listing 3. Assembly program for INPUT/CIM

ADDRESS	HEX OP CODES	Z-80 MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
EFD0	21 08 EF	LD HL,EFD8H	Save continuation
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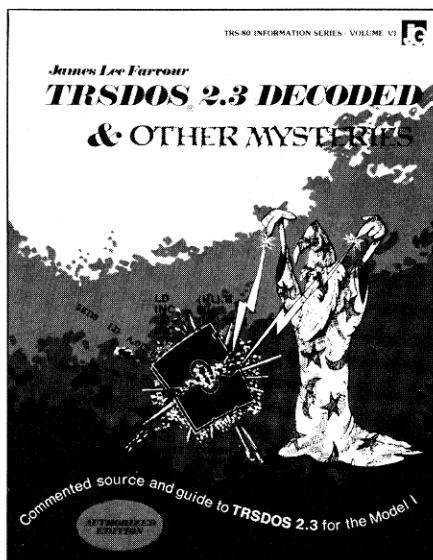
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EF0B	23	INC HL	address in HL.
EF0C	56	LD D,(HL)	
EF0D	EB	EX DE,HL	
EF0E	3E 05	LD A ,05H	KBLINE supervisor call.
EF10	CF	CF 08H	Do line input routine.
EF11	00	NOP	
EF12	00	NOP	
EF13	78	LD A,B	Convert argument from
EF14	32 20 EF	LD (EF20H),A	routine to integer;
EF17	2A 20 EF	LD HL,(EF20H)	HL = # characters
EF1A	E5	PUSH HL	that were input.
EF1B	2A 05 28	LD HL,(2805H)	
EF1E	E3	EX (SP),HL	
EF1F	C9	RET	Return to BASIC.
EF20	00	NOP	Data storage.
EF21	00	NOP	

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Fig. 4. Hex code for INPUT2/CIM

Fig. 5. Hex code for FORMS/CIM. Boldface addresses are user-supplied values

ADDRESS	HEX OP CODES	Z-80 MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
EF00	21 08 EF	LD HL,EF08H	Save continuation
EF03	E5	PUSH HL	address.
EF04	2A 03 28	LD HL,(2803H)	Convert USR argument
EF07	E9	JP (HL)	to integer.
EF08	46	LD B,(HL)	B = string length.
EF09	23	INC HL	Find memory location of
EF0A	5E	LD E,(HL)	string and put
EF0B	23	INC HL	address in HL.
EF0C	56	LD D,(HL)	
EF0D	EB	EX DE,HL	

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EF0E	C5	PUSH BC	Save registers.
EF0F	D5	PUSH DE	
EF10	E5	PUSH HL	
EF11	AF	XOR A	Zero accumulator.
EF12	B8	CP B	Is string length 0?
EF13	20 09	JR NZ,EF1EH	If not, go to EF1E.
EF15	3E 03	LD A,03H	
EF17	B7	OR A	
EF18	E1	POP HL	Restore registers.
EF19	D1	POP DE	
EF1A	C1	POP BC	
EF1B	C3 B1 EF	JP EF81H	Go to exit routine.
EF1E	3E 01	LD A,01H	Initialize keyboard.
EF20	CF	RST 08H	
EF21	48	LD C,B	Put string length in C.
EF22	C5	PUSH BC	Initialize video buffer.
EF23	F5	PUSH AF	
EF24	01 FC 0E	LD BC,0EFCH	
EF27	ED 41	OUT (C),B	
EF29	D8 FD	IN A,(FDH)	
EF2B	F6 FB	OR FBH	
EF2D	57	LD D,A	
EF2E	04	INC B	
EF2F	ED 41	OUT (C),B	
EF31	D8 FD	IN A,(FDH)	
EF33	5F	LD E,A	
EF34	F1	POP AF	
EF35	C1	POP BC	
EF36	ED 53 88 EF	LD (EF88H),DE	Save cursor position.
EF3A	16 00	LD D,00H	Initialize char. counter.
EF3C	48	LD C,B	Put string length in C.
EF3D	3E 04	LD A,04H	KBCHAR SVC
EF3F	CF	RST 08H	Get char. from keyboard.
EF40	20 FB	JR NZ,EF3DH	If no input go to EF3D.
EF42	78	LD A,B	Put char. in A.
EF43	FE 20	CP 20H	Is char. a space?
EF45	38 0D	JR C,EF54H	If not go to EF54.
EF47	3E 08	LD A,08H	VDCHAR SVC.
EF49	CF	RST 08H	Send char. to screen.
EF4A	70	LD (HL),B	Put char. in string.
EF4B	23	INC HL	Adv. char. position.
EF4C	14	INC D	Adv. char. count.
EF4D	0D	DEC C	Dec. # char. left.
EF4E	20 ED	JR NZ,EF3DH	If not 0, go to EF3D.
EF50	06 0D	LD B,0DH	Put ENTER in B.
EF52	18 04	JR EF58H	If 0 goto EF58.
EF54	FE 0D	CP 0DH	Is char. ENTER?
EF56	20 03	JR NZ,EF58H	If not, go to EF58.
EF58	42	LD B,D	Put # input char. in B.
EF59	18 51	JR EFACH	Go to END.
EF5B	FE 08	CP 08H	Is char. a backspace?
EF5D	20 12	JR NZ,EF71H	If not, go to EF71.
EF5F	CD BA EF	CALL EFBAH	Backspace routine.
EF62	28 D9	JR Z,EF3DH	If first char. go to EF3D.
EF64	06 2E	LD B,2EH	Put "." in string.
EF66	70	LD (HL),B	
EF67	3E 08	LD A,08H	VDCHAR SVC
EF69	CF	RST 08H	Send char. to screen.
EF6A	06 1C	LD B,1CH	Backspace cursor.
EF6C	3E 08	LD A,08H	VDCHAR SVC
EF6E	CF	RST 08H	Send info to screen.
EF6F	18 CC	JR EF3DH	If done, go to EF3D.
EF71	FE 1C	CP 1CH	Is char. a <-- ?
EF73	20 05	JR NZ,EF7AH	If not, go to EF7A.
EF75	CD BA EF	CALL EFBAH	Backspace routine.
EF7B	18 C3	JR EF3DH	Go to EF3D.
EF7A	FE 1D	CP 1DH	Is char. a --> ?
EF7C	20 05	JR NZ,EF83H	If not, go to EF83.
EF7E	3E 08	LD A,08H	VDCHAR SVC
EF80	CF	RST 08H	Send info to screen.
EF81	18 C8	JR EF4BH	If done go to EF4B.
EF83	FE 1B	CP 1BH	Is char. ESC key?
EF85	20 1D	JR NZ,EFA4H	If not, go to EFA4.
EF87	11 AA FD	LD DE,FDAAH	Get cursor position.
EF8A	C5	PUSH BC	Clear video buffer.
EF8B	F5	PUSH AF	
EF8C	01 FC 0E	LD BC,0EFCH	
EF8F	7A	LD A,D	
EF90	E6 07	AND 07H	
EF92	ED 41	OUT (C),B	
EF94	D3 FD	OUT (FDH)	
EF96	04	INC B	
EF97	7B	LD B,E	
EF98	ED 41	OUT (C),B	
EF9A	D3 FD	OUT (FDH)	
EF9C	F1	POP AF	
EF9D	C1	POP BC	
EF9E	E1	POP HL	
EF9F	D1	POP DE	
EFA0	C1	POP BC	
EFA1	C3 0E EF	JP EF0EH	Go to START (EF0E).
EFA4	70	LD (HL),B	Put char. in string.
EFA5	06 7F	LD B,7FH	Put "+" in B.
EFA7	3E 08	LD A,08H	VDCHAR SVC
EFA9	CF	RST 08H	Send info to screen.
EFAA	18 7F	JR EF4BH	Go to EF4B.
EFAE	E1	POP HL	END
EFAF	D1	POP DE	
EFAF	33	INC SP	
EFAF	33	INC SP	
EFB0	AF	XOR A	
EFB1	26 00	LD H,00H	EXIT.

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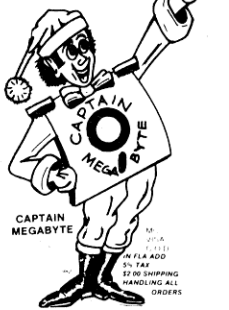
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EFB4	E5	PUSH HL	routine to integer.
EFB5	2A 05 28	LD HL,(2805H)	
EFB8	E3	EX (SP),HL	HL = # char. input.
EFB9	C9	RET	Return to BASIC.
EFBA	32 CB EF	LD (EFCBH),A	Backspace routine.
EFBD	7A	LD A,D	
EFBE	B7	OR A	
EFBF	28 09	JR Z,EFCBH	
EFC1	0C	INC C	
EFC2	15	DEC D	
EFC3	2B	INC LS	
EFC4	06 1C	LD B ,1CH	
EFC6	3E 08	LD A ,08H	
EFC8	CF	RST 08H	
EFC9	B0	OR B	
EFCB	3E 1C	LD A ,1CH	
EFCF	C9	RET	

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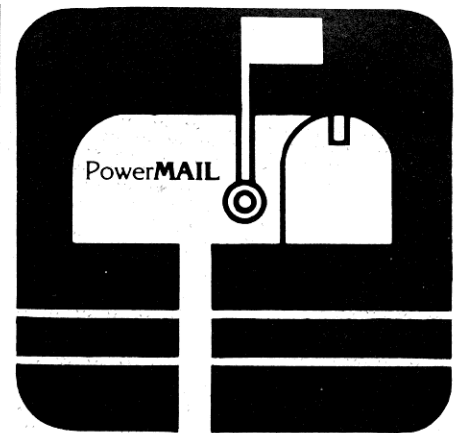
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20 '
30 ' DIRECTIVE(D$)
40 '
50 DATA"LAST NAME",
60 DATA"FIRST NAME",
70 DATA"STREET",
80 DATA"CITY",
90 DATA"STATE",
100 DATA"ZIP",
110 '
120 CLEAR 1000
130 SYSTEM"INPUT2/CIM"
140 DEFUSR2=&HEF00
150 X$="N"
160 CLS
170 RESTORE
180 FORI=1TO6
190 READ D$,DP,IP,IL
200 IFX$="N"THENPRINT&DP,D$:
210 IFX$="R"THENGOSUB1000ELSEIFX$="E"THENGOSUB2000ELSEPRINT&IP,STRING$(IL,46)
220 NEXT
230 IFX$="N"THENX$="R":GOTO170
240 PRINT&I200, ID$(2):" ";ID$(1);CHR$(13);ID$(3)
250 PRINT&ID$(4):" ";ID$(5);SPC(2);ID$(6)
260 PRINT&520,"N = NEW / E = EDIT / S = STOP":
270 X$=INKEY$:IFX$=""THEN270
280 ONINSTR("NES",X$)GOTO160,170,300
290 GOTO260
300 END
310 '
1000 PRINT&IP,;S$=SPACE$(IL):GOTO3000
2000 PRINT&IP, ID$(1):PRINT&IP,;S$=ID$(1)
3000 X=USR2(VARPTR(S$)):ID$(1)=S$
4000 RETURN

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Program Listing 5

ADDRESS	HEX OP CODES	Z-80 MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
E6AD	21 B5 EE	LD HL,EEB5H	Save continuation address.
E6B0	E5	PUSH HL	
E6B1	2A 03 28	LD HL,(2803H)	Convert USR argument to
E6B4	E9	JP (HL)	integer.
E6B5	7D	LD A,L	
E6B6	FE 01	CP 01H	Form #1 ?
E6B8	20 08	JR NZ,EEC2H	If not, skip to EEC2.
E6BA	06 42	LD B ,42H	Load page length (66).
E6BC	0E 3C	LD C ,3CH	Load lines/page (60).
E6BE	16 50	LD D ,50H	Load char/line (80).
E6C0	18 22	JR EEE4H	Go to END.
E6C2	FE 02	CP 02H	Form #2 ?
E6C4	20 08	JR NZ,EECEH	If not, skip to EECE.
E6C6	06 2A	LD B ,2AH	Load page length (42).
E6C8	0E 2A	LD C ,2AH	Load lines/page (42).
E6CA	16 50	LD D ,50H	Load char/line (80).
E6CC	18 16	JR EEE4H	Go to END.
E6CE	FE 03	CP 03H	Form #3 ?
E6D0	20 08	JR NZ,EEDAH	If not, skip to EEDA.
E6D2	06 00	LD B ,00H	Load page length.
E6D4	0E 00	LD C ,00H	Load lines/page.
E6D6	16 00	LD D ,00H	Load char/line.
E6D8	18 0A	JR EEE4H	Go to END.
E6DA	FE 04	CP 04H	Form #4 ?
E6DC	20 17	JR NZ,EEF5H	If not, skip to EEF5.
E6DE	06 00	LD B ,00H	Load page length.
E6E0	0E 00	LD C ,00H	Load lines/page.
E6E2	16 00	LD D ,00H	Load char/line.
E6E4	3E 11	LD A ,11H	Execute PRINIT SVC
E6E6	CF	RST 08H	
E6E7	06 03	LD B ,03H	Reset line-count
E6E9	0E 00	LD C ,00H	to 0.
E6EB	3E 5F	LD A ,5FH	Execute PRCTRL SVC.
E6ED	CF	RST 08H	
E6EE	06 04	LD B ,04H	Reset character
E6F0	0E 00	LD C ,00H	count to 0.
E6F2	3E 5F	LD A ,5FH	Execute PRCTRL SVC.
E6F4	CF	RST 08H	
E6F5	C9	RET	Return to BASIC.

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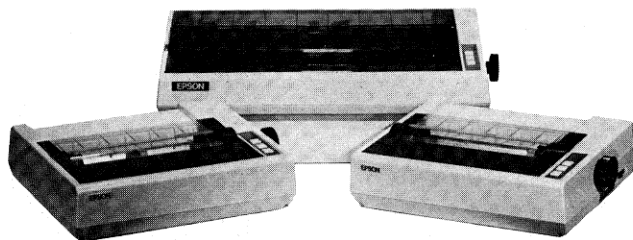
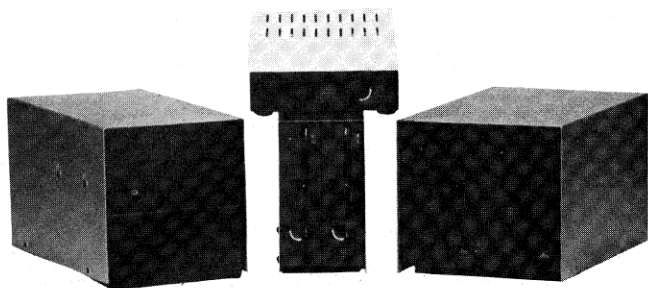
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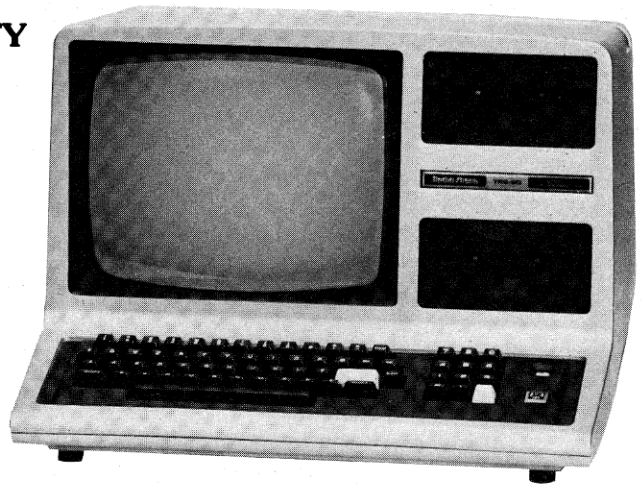
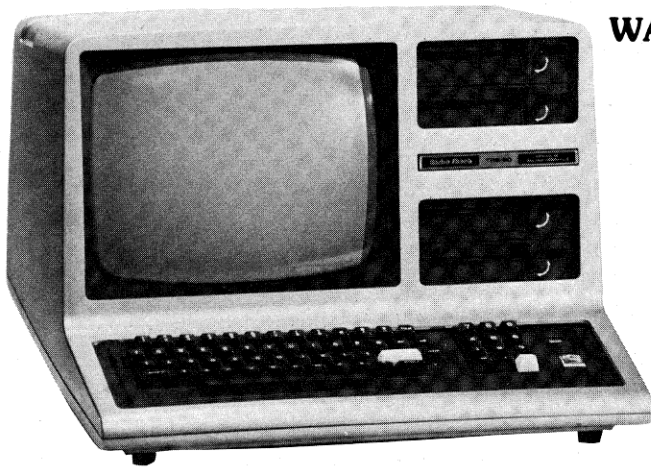
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A Basic Monitor?

It is not very easy to get into the guts of Color Basic unless you own a 6809 disassembler. Lots of PEEKs and POKEs are needed to accumulate a little information. Besides that, machine-language programs require a good number of POKEs.

All this was tiring so I decided to write a monitor program. I have written monitor programs for 6800 and 6809 machines in

Assembly language, and I am well aware of the speed of execution and tightness of the code. This time I decided to use resident Basic to do the job. Why?

- Most commands don't need to be fast.
- Implementation of Color Computer Basic routines is very easy.
- The user can easily understand and modify the procedures.
- No special cassette I/O functions or commands are needed to load and save the monitor programs.
- Since the whole program is modularized, any routine can be substituted by a corresponding machine-language routine taken from Color Basic (if the entry address is known). In this way the monitor program will eventually become smaller and faster.

MIMO, which stands for Mini-Monitor, is the name of the program (see the Listing). It is broken down into routines as in Table 1.

Some parts of the conversion routines are shared by other commands (lines 60-70 are used by the "convert decimal character to hex" routine).

MIMO's General Characteristics

MIMO, a Basic hexadecimal debugging tool, occupies approximately 2,160 bytes of memory.

I suspect that the memory of the 4K computer is not enough for the whole program. If you own the 4K model, exclude the C and V commands. Remember, Color Basic reserves half of its 4K of memory for itself. To increase available memory, play games with the Clear function. The amount of available memory depends on how many spaces you waste between statements and tokens. Color Basic has only a few cases where the spaces are necessary.

Save the MIMO program on cassette or disk before you attempt to run it. Once you have copied the program, give it a try. MIMO's command menu (M, D, F, J, C, V and E) should appear.

To call a function just type in the command's character, one space, and then input the hex

addresses or data required by the particular command. The variables used in the program are shown in Table 2.

MIMO's Commands

- M (Memory examine/modify)

Input format M XXXX enter
Output format XXXX YY Z?

XXXX is the address to be examined, YY is the contents of this location, and Z is the ASCII or graphics character of the contents (YY). The question mark is the prompt for your next action. Four things can be done at this point.

First, input H (higher) and enter to advance to the next location without changing the contents of the memory.

Second, hit L (lower) and enter to backtrack one location, leav-

Lines	Purpose
20-25	Convert a decimal character to hex
30-35	Convert a hex character to decimal
40-48	Decimal nibble (4 bits, 1 digit) to hex
50-62	Decimal address to hex
64-70	Pack a hex address (four characters)
72-110	Hex address to decimal
120-128	Pack four hex bytes
130-140	Pack eight ASCII or graphics characters
200-275	M command
300-350	D command
400-460	F command
500-545	C command
550-560	J command
600-799	Reserved space for future commands
800-850	Main routine, command's decoding
950-980	V command

Table 1. Line Functions

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ing the memory unchanged.

Third, hit R (restart) and enter to get back to the command mode.

Fourth, enter as two hex characters the new contents of this location. If the memory location is writeable, the new contents will be entered and the next memory address will show up on the screen; otherwise, an error message will be delivered. (This happens when you try to write into ROM or nonexistent memory.)

●D (Dump a block of memory)

Input format D XXXX YYYY enter

XXXX is the starting (From) address and YYYY is the ending (To) address. The fourth digit of the starting address will be masked to zero. The output format consists of the block's eight-byte base address in two groups of four bytes each (remember there are two characters per byte), and eight ASCII or graphics characters corresponding to the displayed eight bytes. The lines are

shown at an approximate rate of one per second.

●F (Find a character or a string of characters within given limits)

Input format F XXXX YYYY Z.....Z enter

XXXX is again the From address, YYYY is the To address and Z.....Z is the character or string to be located. The output format consists of none, one or groups of four addresses per line, representing where the string or character under search begins.

This is the slowest of MIMO's commands. It takes approximately two minutes and fifteen seconds to search for one character over a thousand locations of memory, and about five minutes and forty seconds to search for a string of three bytes over the same amount of memory. Just for comparison, my Assembly-language monitor program takes only five seconds to search the whole 64K memory range. But remember that in MIMO you don't need assemblers and editors.

●J (Jump to a machine-language program)

Input format J XXXX enter

XXXX is the beginning address of the program to be run.

●C (Convert a number from hex to decimal and vice versa)

Input format C D HHHH enter
or C H D...D enter

The first format converts a hexadecimal number HHHH to decimal. The routine recognizes only four-digit hex numbers. If your hex number is only one, two or three digits long, just in-

A—Temporary for conversions
AA—Temporary for A
B\$—ASCII form for a decimal byte
BA\$—Beginning address (From)
BE—Temporary decimal for BA\$
BL\$—String concatenator for F command
C\$—Command to be decoded
CNT—Counter for the length of a string
CO\$—Identifier for Convert command (H or D)
DA, SDA—Decimal address
DB, CDB, XDB—Decimal byte
EA\$—Ending address (To)
ER—Error flag for illegal hex character
F\$—First four-byte string (D command)
H\$—Hex (byte or address)
HB\$—Hex byte
HA\$—Hex address
IN\$—String to be found (F command)
LA—Last address
MO—Flag for D or F command
O\$—Operation to be decoded
P\$—Packing element
PA\$—Pack a string of four hex bytes
SE\$—Second four-byte string (D command)
V, VS\$—Temporaries for conversions

Table 2. Program Variables

Program Listing 1

```
0 GOTO800
20 H$="":GOSUB60
25 HB$=H$:RETURN
30 V$=HB$:DA=0:GOSUB90
35 DB=DA:RETURN
40 ER=0
42 IFV<48ORV>70THENER=1
44 IFV<58THENV=V-48
46 IFV>63THENV=V-55
48 RETURN
50 H$="":A=DA/4096:A=INT(A)
52 GOSUB64
54 DB=DA-4096*A
56 A=DB/256:A=INT(A):GOSUB64
58 DB=DB-256*A
60 A=DB/16:A=INT(A):GOSUB64
62 A=DB-16*A
64 AA=A
66 IF A>9THEN A=A+55ELSE A=A+48
68 A$=CHR$(A):H$=H$+A$:A=AA
70 RETURN
72 HB$=HA$
74 V=ASC(HB$)
76 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
78 DA=4096*V
80 V$=MID$(HB$,2,1)
82 V=ASC(V$)
84 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
86 DB=256*V:DA=DA+DB
88 V$=MID$(HB$,3,1)
90 V=ASC(V$)
92 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
94 DB=16*V:DA=DA+DB
96 V$=RIGHT$(HB$,1):V=ASC(V$)
98 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
100 DA=DA+V
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105 RETURN
110 PRINT"ERROR,NOT HEX":RETURN
120 PA$=""
122 FOR X=1TO4
124 DB=PEEK(DA):GOSUB20
126 PA$=PA$+HB$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
128 RETURN
130 A$=""
132 FOR X=1TO8
134 DB=PEEK(DA):IFDB<32THENDB=46
136 P$=CHR$(DB)
138 A$=A$+P$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
140 RETURN
200 HA$=MID$(O$,3,4)
205 GOSUB72:IFER=1THEN10
210 SDA=DA
215 DB=PEEK(DA):XDB=DB:IFDB<32THENXDB=46
220 B$=CHR$(XDB):GOSUB20
225 PRINT HA$ "HB$ "B$;
230 INPUT HB$:IF HB$="H"THEN260
235 IF HB$="L"THEN275
240 IF HB$="R"THEN10
245 GOSUB30:IF ER=1THEN255ELSE POKE SDA,DB:CDB=PEEK(SDA)
250 IF CDB<>DB THEN PRINT"NO CHANGE"
255 DA=SDA
260 DA=DA+1
265 GOSUB50
270 HA$=H$:GOTO210
275 DA=DA-1:GOTO265
300 BA$=MID$(O$,3,3):BA$=BA$+"0"
305 EA$=MID$(O$,8,4)
310 HA$=EA$:GOSUB72:LA=DA:IFER=1THEN10
315 HA$=BA$:GOSUB72:IFER=1THEN10
320 IF MO=1THEN405ELSEGOSUB120
325 FI$=PA$:GOSUB120
330 SE$=PA$
335 DA=DA-8:GOSUB130
340 PRINTBA$ "FI$ "SE$ "A$
345 IF DA>=LA THEN10
350 GOSUB50:BA$=H$:GOTO320
400 PRINT:MO=1:GOTO300
405 BE=DA:MO=0:IN$=MID$(O$,13)
410 CNT=LEN(IN$)/2:CNT=INT(CNT)
415 BL$=""
420 FOR Z=1TOCNT
425 DB=PEEK(DA):GOSUB20
430 BL$=BL$+H$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
435 IF BL$=IN$THEN450
440 BE=BE+1:DA=BE:IF BE=LA THEN10
445 GOTO415
450 DA=BE:GOSUB50
455 PRINT "H$ "":DA=DA+CNT
460 GOTO440
500 CO$=MID$(O$,3,1)
505 IF CO$="D"THEN530
510 H$=MID$(O$,5):DA=VAL(H$)
515 IF DA>65535THENPRINT"BEYOND RANGE":GOTO10
520 GOSUB50
525 PRINT "H$:GOTO10
530 HB$=MID$(O$,5):L=LEN(HB$)
535 IF L<>4THENPRINT"4 HEX CHARS ONLY":GOTO10
540 GOSUB74
545 PRINT DA:GOTO10
550 HA$=MID$(O$,3,4):GOSUB72
555 EXEC DA
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800 PRINT
805 PRINT"MIMO COMMANDS:M,D,F,C,J,V,E"
810 INPUT O$:C$=LEFT$(O$,1)
815 IFC$="M"THEN200
820 IFC$="D"THEN300
825 IFC$="F"THEN400
830 IFC$="C"THEN500
835 IFC$="J"THEN550
840 IFC$="V"THEN950
845 IFC$="E"THENEXEC40999
850 PRINT"WHAT ?":GOTO10
950 X=1539:A=0
955 FOR N=X TO X+2100:B=PEEK(N)
960 A=A+B:NEXT
965 IFA=158211THENPRINT"GOOD"ELSEPRINT"BAD"
970 GOTO10

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put the appropriate number of leading zeros followed by the hex number.

The second type converts a decimal number (0-65535) to a hex one. The message Beyond Range will be displayed in case of a limits violation.

●V (Verify the MIMO's program)

Input format V enter

Nineteen seconds later the screen will show Good or Bad. If the answer is Bad, reload MIMO because one or more locations of the program are gone.

MIMO loads from 0603 to 0E74 hex. Lines 965 and 970 are not calculated because they carry the sum which is altered when you make changes (if you include these two lines you will run into a race condition). If you change anything, even a character, the verification will always come back Bad. To fix the problem type in the following line:

962 PRINT A

The number on the screen after the V command is entered

Program Listing 2

```

10 GOTO800
20 H$="":GOSUB60
25 HB$=H$:RETURN
30 V$=HB$:DA=0:GOSUB90
35 DB=DA:RETURN
40 ER=0
42 IFV<48ORV>70THENER=1
44 IFV<58THENV=v-48
46 IFV>63THENV=v-55
48 RETURN
50 H$="":A=DA/4096:A=INT(A)
52 GOSUB64
54 DB=DA-4096*A
56 A=DB/256:A=INT(A):GOSUB64
58 DB=DB-256*A
60 A=DB/16:A=INT(A):GOSUB64
62 A=DB-16*A
64 AA=A
66 IF A>9THEN A=A+55ELSE A=A+48
68 A$=CHR$(A):H$=H$+A$:A=AA
70 RETURN
72 HB$=HA$
74 V=ASC(HB$)
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92 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
94 DB=16*V:DA=DA+DB
96 V$=RIGHT$(HB$,1):V=ASC(V$)
98 GOSUB40:IFER=1THEN110
100 DA=DA+V

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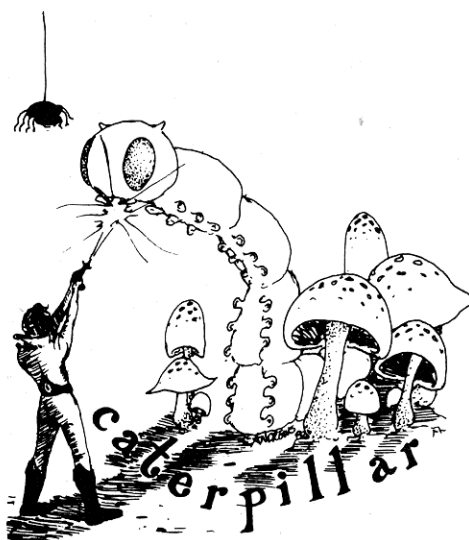
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is your new checksum. Delete line 962 and replace the old 6-digit number in line 965 with the new one. If you add or delete entire lines, recalculate the bytes taken by the program. Replace 2100 in line 955 with this number. Then do the trick with lines 962 and 965 as described before.

Note: Extended Basic loads MIMO from 1E03 to 2674 in hex. Therefore, change the Basic address in line 950 from 1539 to 7683, and the checksum in line 965 to 160953.

To add more commands, decode them at the main routine (lines 800-850), and write them in the reserved space (lines 600-799).

● E (Exit to Color Basic)

Input format E enter

This takes you back to Color Basic without pressing the break key.

Possible Improvements

Some people like sounds in their programs and some don't. If you belong to the first group, you can add sounds or single beeps in different frequencies to identify special features (for example, in case of an error message, or when you find an address in the F command, or when you display the answer in the V command). To single beep every time you display the MIMO's menu, add the line:

```
802 SOUND125,2
```

Those who have the 16K Color Computer and like challenges might try to add the following commands:

- T (Transfer a block of memory)
- K (Compare blocks of memory)
- R (Dump computer's internal registers)
- G (Go to the last jump input)
- B (Breakpoint implementation)
- O (Observe a block of memory while you run a program).

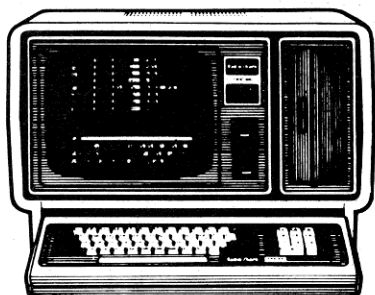
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105 RETURN
110 PRINT"ERROR,NOT HEX":RETURN
120 PA$=""
122 FOR X=1TO4
124 DB=PEEK(DA):GOSUB20
126 PA$=PA$+HB$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
128 RETURN
130 A$=""
132 FOR X=1TO8
134 DB=PEEK(DA):IFDB<32THENDB=46
136 P$=CHR$(DB)
138 A$=A$+P$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
140 RETURN
200 HA$=MID$(O$,3,4)
205 GOSUB72:IFER=1THEN10
210 SDA=DA
215 DB=PEEK(DA):XDB=DB:IFDB<32THENXDB=46
220 B$=CHR$(XDB):GOSUB20
225 PRINT HA$ " HB$ " B$;
230 INPUT HB$:IF HB$="H"THEN260
235 IF HB$="L"THEN275
240 IF HB$="R"THEN10
245 GOSUB30:IF ER=1THEN255ELSE POKE SDA,DB:CDB=PEEK(SDA)
250 IF CDB<>DB THEN PRINT"NO CHANGE"
255 DA=SDA
260 DA=DA+1
265 GOSUB50
270 HA$=H$:GOTO210
275 DA=DA-1:GOTO265
300 BA$=MID$(O$,3,3):BA$=BA$+"0"
305 EA$=MID$(O$,8,4)
310 HA$=EA$:GOSUB72:LA=DA:IFER=1THEN10
315 HA$=BA$:GOSUB72:IFER=1THEN10
320 IF MO=1THEN405ELSEGOSUB120
325 FI$=PA$:GOSUB120
330 SE$=PA$
335 DA=DA-8:GOSUB130
340 PRINTBA$ " FI$ " SE$ " A$
345 IF DA>=LA THEN10
350 GOSUB50:BA$=H$:GOTO320
400 PRINT:MO=1:GOTO300
405 BE=DA:MO=0:IN$=MID$(O$,13)
410 CNT=LEN(IN$)/2:CNT=INT(CNT)
415 BL$=""
420 FOR Z=1TOCNT
425 DB=PEEK(DA):GOSUB20
430 BL$=BL$+H$:DA=DA+1:NEXT
435 IF BL$=IN$THEN450
440 BE=BE+1:DA=BE:IF BE=LA THEN10
445 GOTO415
450 DA=BE:GOSUB50
455 PRINT " H$ " ";DA=DA+CNT
460 GOTO440
500 CO$=MID$(O$,3,1)
505 IF CO$="D"THEN530
510 H$=MID$(O$,5):DA=VAL(H$)
515 IF DA>65535THENPRINT"BEYOND RANGE":GOTO10
520 GOSUB50
525 PRINT " H$:GOTO10
530 HB$=MID$(O$,5):L=LEN(HB$)
535 IF L<>4THENPRINT"4 HEX CHARS ONLY":GOTO10
540 GOSUB74
545 PRINT DA:GOTO10
550 HA$=MID$(O$,3,4):GOSUB72
555 EXEC DA
560 GOTO10
800 PRINT
805 PRINT"MIMO COMMANDS:M,D,F,C,J,V,E"
810 INPUT O$:C$=LEFT$(O$,1)
815 IFC$="M"THEN200
820 IFC$="D"THEN300
825 IFC$="F"THEN400
830 IFC$="C"THEN500
835 IFC$="J"THEN550
840 IFC$="V"THEN950
845 IFC$="E"THENEXEC40999
850 PRINT"WHAT ?":GOTO10
950 X=7683:A=0
955 FOR N=X TO X+2100:B=PEEK(N)
960 A=A+B:NEXT
965 IFA=160953THENPRINT"GOOD"ELSEPRINT"BAD"
970 GOTO10
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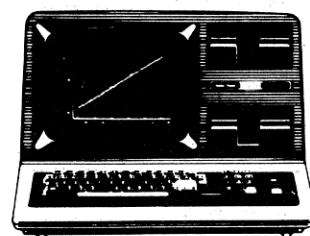
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This article explains the changes in hardware necessary for the TRS-80 to use interrupts.

In addition, it describes and explains the three interrupt modes of the Z80 microprocessor.

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Interrupts provide an asynchronous means for an external device to signal to the CPU that it wishes to input data to, or to take data from the computer. The Z80 has three modes of maskable and one mode for non-maskable interrupts. A maskable interrupt can be ignored by the CPU by using the DI (disable interrupt) instruction, whereas the non-maskable interrupt cannot be disabled.

Non-Maskable Interrupt

This negative edge triggered input has priority over maskable interrupts. It generates an automatic Restart to location 0066H; the TRS-80 uses this input as a Reset. Therefore, without extensive modifications, this mode cannot be used for other than a Reset.

Maskable Interrupt

The programmer can selectively enable or disable the maskable interrupt (INT). There are two internal interrupt flip-flops in the Z80. The enable interrupt instruction EI sets both IFF1 and IFF2 to a logic one, enabling the interrupt at the completion of the instruction following the EI instruction. The disable interrupts instruction DI resets IFF1 and IFF2 to a logic zero, preventing the Z80 from responding to interrupts.

Maskable Interrupt Mode Zero

Mode Zero in the Z80 is identical to the 8080-A interrupt se-

quence. The interrupting device places an instruction on the data bus for execution by the CPU. Although normally a restart (RST) instruction for simplicity, any multi-byte instruction can be used, as this mode looks for executable code.

This mode is not recommended for the TRS-80 for the following reasons. A single-byte instruction (Restart) returns control to the Basic interpreter. If a multi-byte instruction is used, the first byte is read during an interrupt acknowledge cycle. Remaining bytes of the instruction are read by normal read cycles with the program counter remaining in its preinterrupt state. The TRS-80 memory must not respond to these read sequences, requiring extensive modification to the TRS-80 hardware.

Maskable Interrupt Mode One

Mode One is very similar to an NMI interrupt except the CPU does an automatic call to location 0038H instead of 0066H. This mode is not recommended: Response to this type of interrupt also returns control to the Basic interpreter.

Maskable Interrupt Mode Two

Mode Two, the most power-

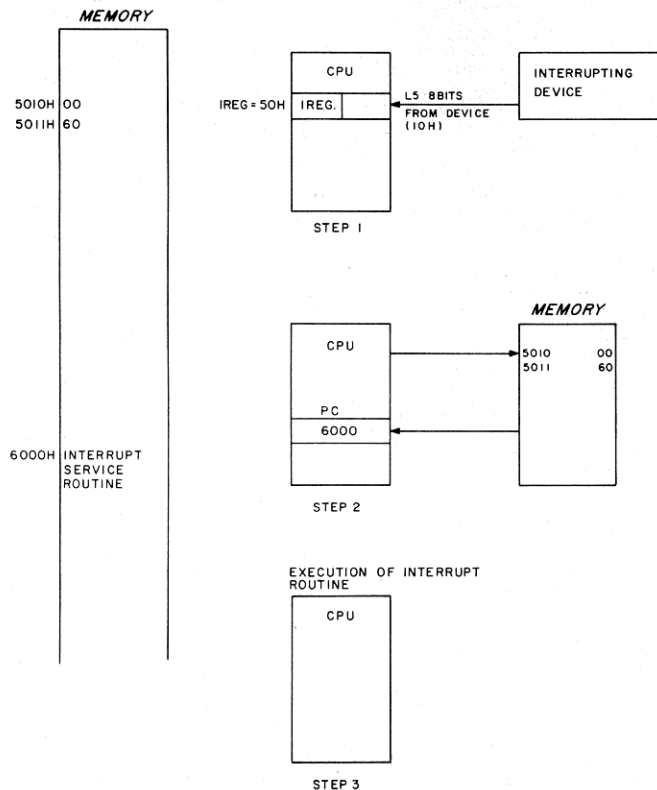


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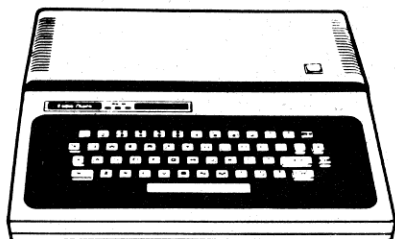
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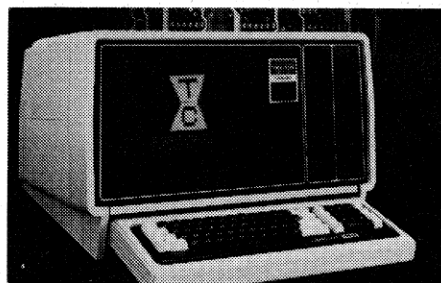
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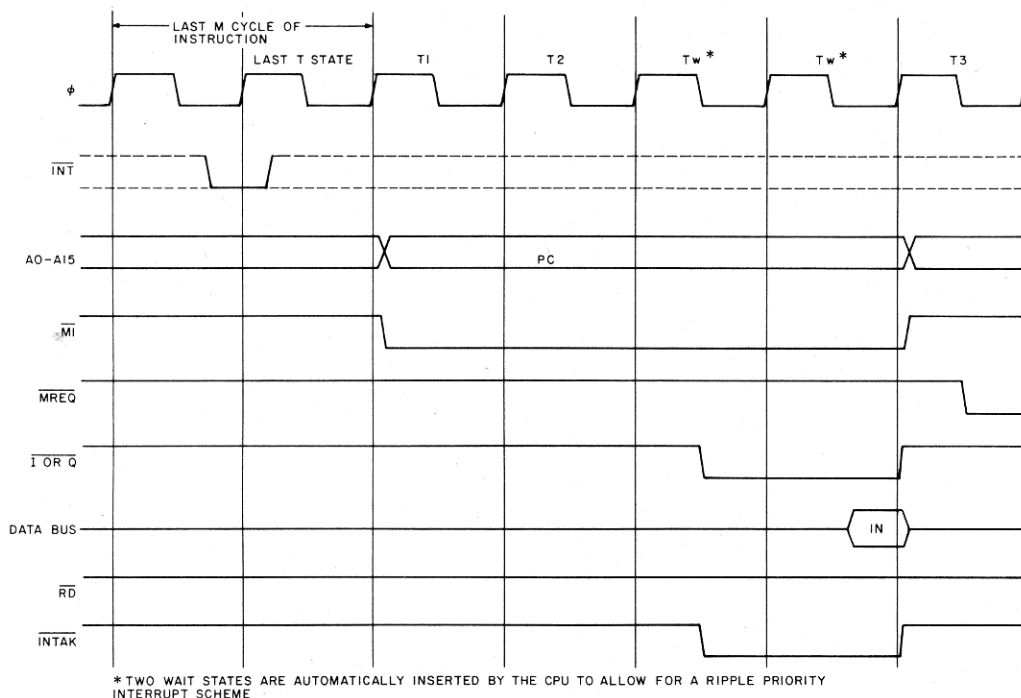


Figure 2

ful of the maskable interrupt modes, allows an indirect call to any memory location by a single 8-bit vector supplied by the

interrupting device. In this mode, the interrupting device places the vector on the data bus in response to an interrupt acknowledge. This vector becomes the least significant eight bits of a pointer; the I register contents are combined as the most significant eight bits of the pointer. This 16-bit pointer

becomes the address in a vector table containing the starting address of the interrupt routine.

Looking at Fig. 1, suppose the I register was previously loaded with the value 50H. Assume also that the interrupt service routine resides at address 6000H. In step one, the interrupting device places the value 10H on the data bus during an interrupt acknowledge cycle. The CPU then takes the value 10H, and with the contents of the I register as the most significant byte, forms a 16-bit pointer (the address of a vector table). The vector table here is at 5010H. At this point (step two), the CPU fetches the two bytes at pointer (5010H) and pointer plus one (5011H). Note: Address 5010H contains the least significant byte of the interrupt service routine's starting address. These two bytes are loaded into the program counter and the CPU begins executing the program at location 6000H (step three).

Mode Two cannot be used in the TRS-80 the way it comes from the factory; a slight modification is necessary.

Notice in Fig. 3 that data on the data bus is only enabled into the CPU during a read operation (RD) true. The (RD) signal never

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- 7: Locate the Z-53. IC's are numbered on front side of board. Cut circuit path which leads from pin five of Z-53 to feed through below pin seven of Z-53. See Fig. 5.
- 8: Fold the main PC board back over the keyboard to expose component side.
- 9: Take the IC to be soldered in (a 74LS08), and bend all the leads straight out except pins seven and 14. See Fig. 6a.
- 10: Lay the 74LS08 on top of Z-52 making sure pin 14 lays on top of pin 14 of the Z-52 and pin 7 lays on top of the pin 7 of Z-52. These are the power and ground pins, respectively. Solder pin 14 to 14 and 7 to 7. See Fig. 6b. This new IC is referred to as the piggyback chip.
- 11: Solder a small gauge wire from pin 13 of the piggyback chip to feed through just below pin seven of Z-53. See Fig. 7. Solder a wire from the piggyback chip pin 12 to Z-73 pin three. Solder a wire from the piggyback chip pin 11 to Z-53 pin five.
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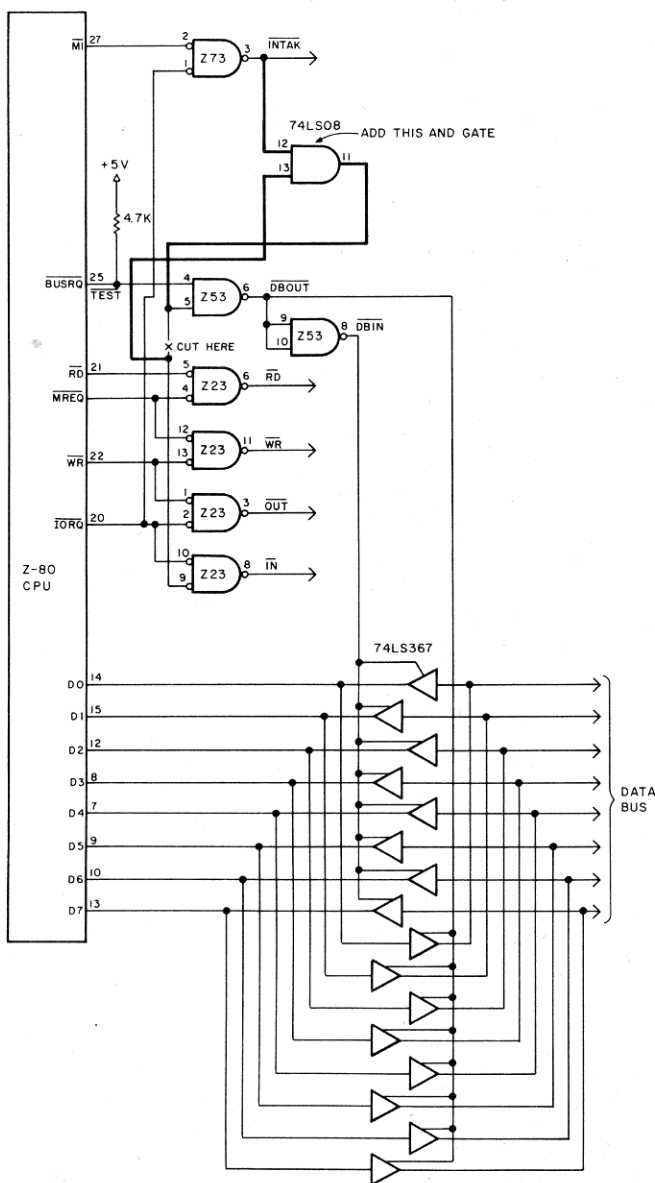


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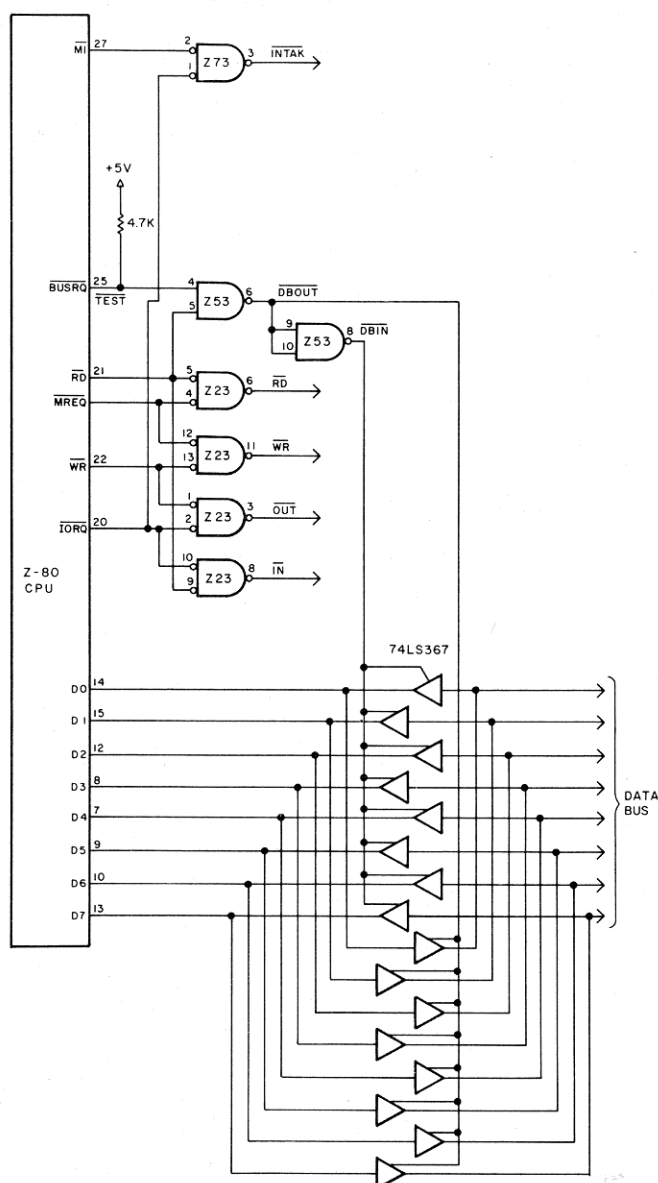


Figure 4

Address	Data	Instruction	Comments
4500H	31 FF4F	LD SP, 4FFFH	; top of memory (4k)
4503H	3E 48	LD A, 48H	; most significant byte of
4505H	ED 47	LD I, A	; interrupt vector table
4507H	ED 5E	IM 2	; set interrupt mode 2
4509H	FB	EI	; enable interrupt
450AH	00	NOP	; wait for interrupt
450BH	18 FC	JR FC	loop

Interrupt Vector Table

Address	Data
4800H	00
4801H	4C
4802H	00
4803H	4D
4804H	05
4805H	4E

Interrupt Service Routines

4C00H	3E30	LD	A, 30H	; This routine puts a 0 in the center of screen.
4C02H	32203E	LD	(3D20H), A	
4C05H	ED4D	RETI		; Return from interrupt.
4D00H	3E32	LD	A, 32H	; Puts a 2 in center of screen.
4D02H	C3024C	JP	4C02H	
4E05H	3E34	LD	A, 34H	; Puts a 4 in center of screen.
4E07H	C3024C	JP	4C02H	

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goes true during an interrupt acknowledge cycle. Therefore, there is no way to enable the interrupt vector from the interrupting device into the CPU. By studying Fig. 2, it becomes clear that the data must be enabled into the CPU when the interrupt acknowledge signal ($\overline{\text{INTAK}}$) goes true. This is easily accomplished by the addition of one AND gate (74LS08) (see Fig. 4). With this addition to the circuit, the data is enabled into the CPU either by the interrupt acknowledge signal or the read signal.

The steps to actually modify the TRS-80 are shown in Table 1. To test the interrupt mode, a simple interface board (which can be built on a vector board or

any prototype material) is required. A 40-pin ribbon cable and 40-pin edge connector is required to interface directly with the TRS-80 expansion interface connector.

It is important that the interface board be powered by its own 5 volts dc power supply. Do not use the power supply internal to the TRS-80. This avoids any possible damage to the TRS-80 power supply.

A schematic of the required interface board for testing the interrupt mode is shown in Fig. 8. I recommend the 40-pin ribbon cable be as short as possible to eliminate noise problems on the bus. Good grounds are also very important.

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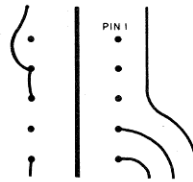


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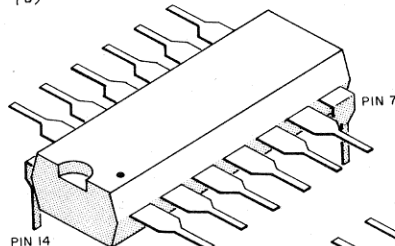
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The easiest way to implement the software for this test is with the T-Bug monitor. You can also use Radio Shack's Editor/Assembler. Load the Program Listing into memory.

The flow diagrams and memory map for the test routine are shown in Fig. 9. The program sets the stack pointer, loads the I register with the interrupt vector, sets the interrupt mode, enables the interrupt and waits. If all eight switches on the interface board are closed (a binary zero) and the interrupt push button is depressed, the CPU will go into the interrupt mode. This prints a zero on the screen, then returns to its wait loop. If switch two is opened and the button is pushed, a two will be printed. Switch three being opened and two closed results in a four being printed. If the computer returns to a ready, or power-up condition, something was done incorrectly. Go back and check the software and hardware.

Note: The RETI instruction resets the interrupt flip-flop so it is necessary to include the EI instruction in the main wait loop. Another approach would be to use the EI instruction in the interrupt service routine and

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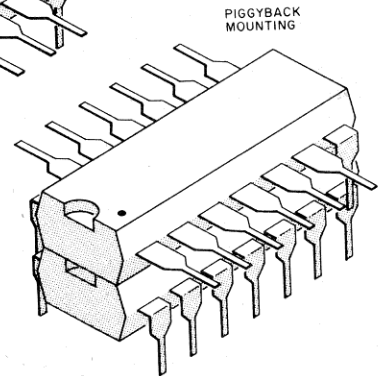


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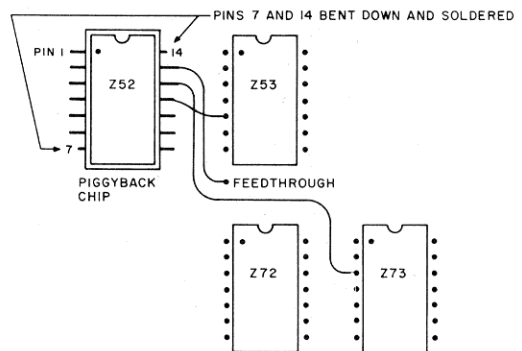
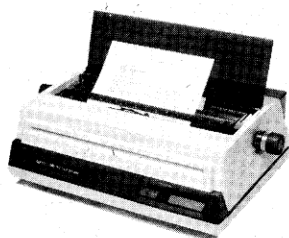


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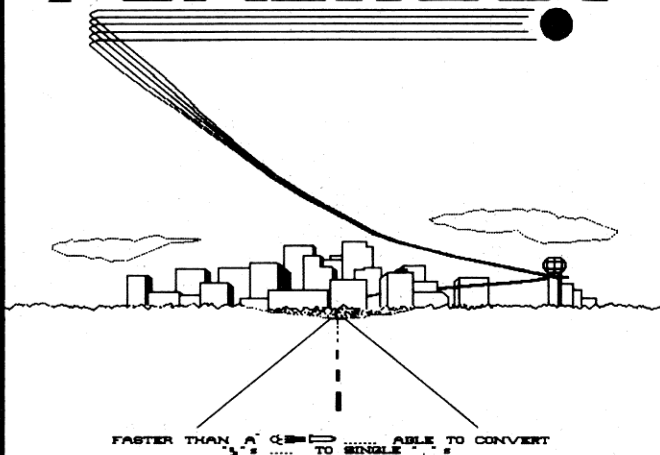
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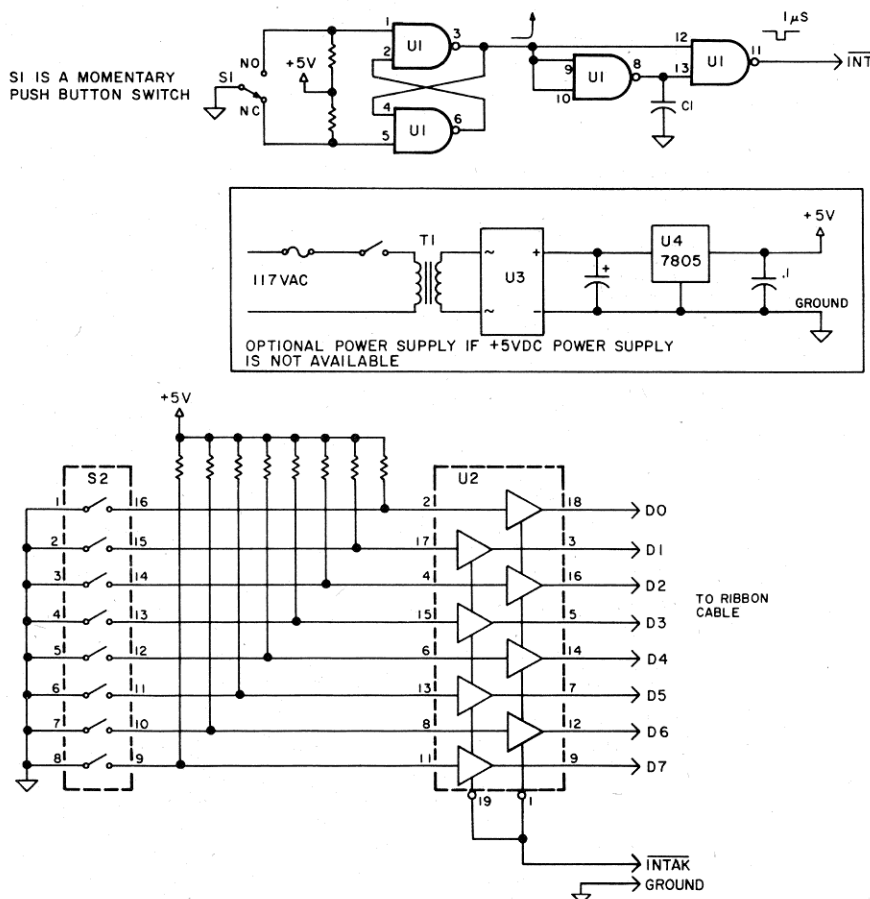


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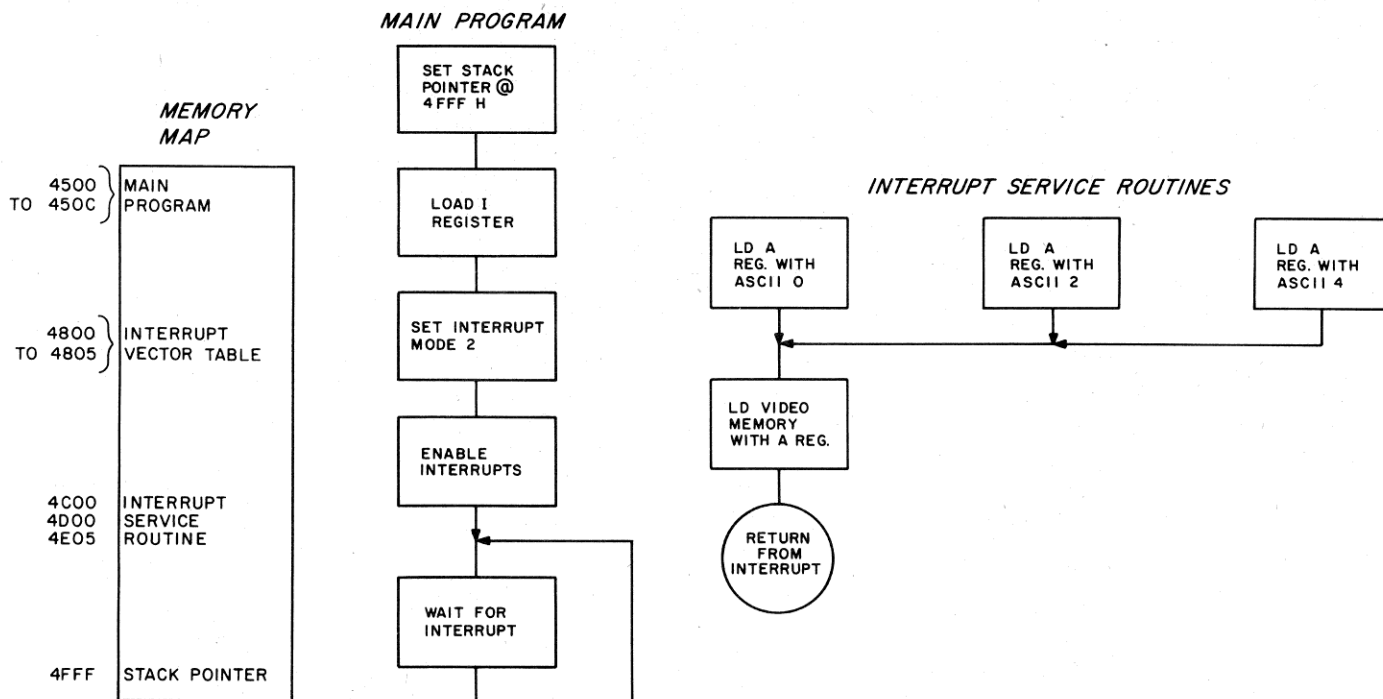


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Pardon me, Parson, but your parsing subroutine is rather parsimonious.

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Writing an adventure computer game can be a fas-

cinating challenge. These programs make detailed use of arrays, string commands, and decision trees. For a novice such a challenge can be a nightmare. I know of no books or

manuals that explain in detail how to write such a program.

The following article attempts to help other novices writing such a program. Specifically, I explain how to enter a two-word command into your program, such as Shoot Arrow or Take Gold, and have your computer decipher that command and act upon it.

This deciphering routine is also called a parsing subroutine. Parsing a sentence is the act of breaking it down into its grammatical parts. Our typical two-word command string is composed of a verb denoting the action, and a noun, which is the object of the action, in the order: verb-blank space-noun. When you design your adventure, you will prepare a vocabulary of verbs and nouns that the player will use to assemble commands. The size of your vocabulary will be limited by the available memory size. The number of possible commands equals the number of verbs times the number of nouns. That is, if you prepare a vocabulary of twenty verbs and thirty nouns for a game, you will present the player with 600 possible commands to choose from.

Not all such commands either make sense or are permissible within the context of your adventure. If you were to use the vocabulary listed in Table 1, the command Eat Apple would be instantly recognizable as a correct command. The command

Eat Horse would seem to be nonsense, but that need not always be so. You may require that your hero eat a horse before rescuing the princess. Any command may be valid, if you design your parsing subroutine to make it so.

A Demonstration

I have prepared a short demonstration program to illustrate the parsing subroutine. Program Listing 1 sets up the arrays that contain the verb and noun lists. Our simple vocabulary (Table 2) consists of four verbs and four nouns. This means that there are sixteen possible commands. Of the sixteen, only six are valid within the demonstration program. The valid commands are listed in Table 3. My choices are completely arbitrary; the command Read Rock could be valid if your adventure included writing carved on a stone.

The program follows a simple logic sequence. First, the verb and noun vocabulary arrays are set up. Second, the command string (CO\$) is entered. Third, the command string is broken down into its verb and noun

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10 ' ADVENTURE GAME PARSING SUBROUTINE
20 ' DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
30 ' BY DAN CATALDO
40 ' PART 1: SET UP ARRAYS--PRINT VERB/NOUN LISTS
50 VL=4:DIM VBS(VL)
60 VBS(1)="EAT":VBS(2)="GET":VBS(3)="READ":VBS(4)="HIT"
70 NL=4:DIM NOS(NL)
80 NOS(1)="APPLE":NOS(2)="ROCK":NOS(3)="BOOK":NOS(4)="TREE"
90 CLS
100 PRINT TAB(16) "VERBS","NOUNS"
110 PRINT
120 PRINT TAB(16) VBS(1),NOS(1)
130 PRINT TAB(16) VBS(2),NOS(2)
140 PRINT TAB(16) VBS(3),NOS(3)
150 PRINT TAB(16) VBS(4),NOS(4)
160 PRINT
170 INPUT "WHAT SHOULD I DO";CO$
180 IF LEN(CO$)=0 GOTO 170 ELSE 190
190 ' PART 2: CO$ IS SPLIT INTO VERB AND NOUN
200 ' STEP 1: CO$ VERB COMPONENT BROKEN OFF
210 VBS(0)="":NOS(0)=" "
220 VB=0:NO=0
230 A=1:K=LEN(CO$):PRINT @ 576,"CO$ LENGTH IS ";K
240 VBS(0)=VBS(0)+MID$(CO$,A,1)
250 PRINT @ 640,"VERB IS ";VBS(0)
260 A=A+1:IF A=LEN(CO$)+1 THEN GOTO 520 ELSE 270
270 FOR N=1 TO 300: NEXT N
280 IF MID$(CO$,A,1)<>" " GOTO 240 ELSE 300
290 ' PART 2 CONTINUED
300 ' STEP 2: CO$ NOUN COMPONENT BROKEN OFF
310 IF MID$(CO$,A,1)=" " THEN Q=1 ELSE Q=0
320 A=A+1
330 IF Q=1 GOTO 310 ELSE 340
340 A=A-1
350 NOS(0)=NOS(0)+MID$(CO$,A,1)
360 A=A+1
370 PRINT @ 704,"NOUN IS ";NOS(0)
380 FOR N=1 TO 300: NEXT N
390 IF A=LEN(CO$)+1 GOTO 400 ELSE 350
400 ' PART 3 : DECISION TREE
410 FOR VL=1 TO 4:IF VBS(0)=VBS(VL) THEN VB=VL ELSE NEXT VL
420 FOR NL=1 TO 4:IF NOS(0)=NOS(NL) THEN NO=NL ELSE NEXT NL
430 ON VB GOTO 450,470,490,510
440 GOTO 520
450 ON NO GOTO 540,550,550,550
460 GOTO 520
470 ON NO GOTO 540,540,540,550
480 GOTO 520
490 ON NO GOTO 550,550,540,550
500 GOTO 520
510 ON NO GOTO 550,550,550,540
520 PRINT "I DON'T KNOW WHAT ";CHR$(34);CO$;CHR$(34);" MEANS"
530 GOTO 570
540 PRINT "THE COMMAND ";CHR$(34);CO$;CHR$(34);" IS VALID":GOTO 570
550 PRINT "THE COMMAND ";CHR$(34);CO$;CHR$(34);" IS NOT VALID":GOTO 570
560 STOP
570 INPUT "TRY AGAIN";Y$
580 IF LEFT$(Y$,1)="Y" THEN GOTO 90 ELSE END
  
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Program Listing 1

Verbs	Nouns
Eat	Apple
Drink	Horse
Ride	Water

Table 1

components. The verb and noun components of each command are then compared with the prepared vocabulary list. If both verb and noun are within the vocabulary, the program determines if the verb-noun combination represents a valid command.

The verb and noun vocabulary lists are set up in Part 1 of the program, which begins at line 40. The lists are single dimension string arrays of length VL and NL, respectively. To increase the size of the vocabulary, increment either value and make appropriate additions to the arrays in either line 60 or 80. Lines 100-150 print the vocabulary for easy reference during the program run.

After you enter the command string (CO\$) at line 170, the program really gets interesting. Our task is to disassemble the command string into its separate letters and blank spaces, and then reassemble it into two new strings: VB\$(0) and NO\$(0), the verb and noun respectively. You recall that to set up the array VB\$(VL), you actually set up an array with the following elements: VB\$(0), VB\$(1), VB\$(2), VB\$(3), and VB\$(4). At line 210, we initialize VB\$(0) and NO\$(0) as dummy strings of zero length. Take care not to type in a blank space between the quotation marks. Line 220 sets up the variables VB and NO, which are used in the decision tree in Part 3 of the program.

The length of the command string is determined at line 230 and the result is printed. The length of CO\$ is equal to all the letters and blank spaces typed in before you press Enter. Thus, the command "Eat Apple" has a length of nine, but " Eat Apple" has a length of 10.

Eat Apple

The dissection of the command "Eat Apple" begins at line 240. First the verb must be split off. This is done by use of the command VB(0) = VB$(0) + MID$(CO$,A,1)$. The pointer variable A had been set as equal to one in line 230. At line 240, the program breaks off a sub-string of CO\$ that is one letter in length, and which begins at the

first letter of CO\$. This substring, the letter "E", is added (i.e., concatenated) to VB\$(0). Since the string VB\$(0) was initialized as a dummy string of zero length, the concatenated VB(0) = '' + 'E' = 'E'$. If VB\$(0) had been initialized with a blank space between the quotation marks, the first result of concatenation would have been " E". Any attempt to compare VB\$(0) with the other members of the VB\$(VL) array would then fail, since the other members do not have a preceding blank space between the quotation marks.

After the first concatenation the pointer A is incremented by one and points to the next letter or blank space in CO\$. At line 260, after the increment, a test is made to determine if A is equal to the length of CO\$ + 1. If the length of CO\$ were three, after the third concatenation A would be equal to four. Since this value exceeds the length of CO\$, the program would branch to line 520 and an Invalid Command statement would be printed. The reason for this is that the demonstration program is concerned only with two-word commands. There is no reason why a one-word command such as Help could not be valid in your own program.

The test at line 260 ordinarily will not be acted upon. However, if you accidentally type in "EatApple", the program will create the verb "EatApple" in VB\$(0), and then branch to line 520. The pro-

gram must see at least one blank space between verb and noun in CO\$ in order to continue. There is no point in proceeding to Part 3 of the program, the decision tree, since the program will not be able to deal with a one-word command.

As soon as the program encounters a blank space within CO\$, the first part of the disassembly is complete. VB\$(0) now contains the verb of your command. Step 2 of the disassembly begins at line 310. The program continues using the MID\$ command to examine CO\$. If more than one blank space is encountered between the verb and noun, the program will ignore all of the blank spaces before beginning the assembly of the noun at line 350.

A simple routine determines where to begin building the noun. If, at line 310 MID(CO$,A,1)$ is a blank space, A is incremented by one, and the variable Q is also set equal to one. As long as Q equals one, the program will loop back to line 310 to examine the next position in CO\$. However, when the program encounters the first letter of the noun, Q is set equal to zero and the test at line 330 fails.

The program then progresses to line 340, where A is decremented by one. Recall that A is designed to point to the next position in CO\$, and that it has been incremented at line 320 to point to the second letter in the noun. Since the first letter of the noun has not been split off from CO\$, we must back up, so that A once again points to the first letter of the noun. The process of noun assembly that follows is the same as that used for the verb. The assembly process continues until A equals the length of CO\$ + 1. Part 2 is then complete, with a verb in VB\$(0) and a noun in NO\$(0).

A Simpler Way

A simpler way of stripping the noun from CO\$ follows: For line 350, type in: $350 NO$(0) = RIGHT$(CO$,K - A + 1)$ then delete lines 360, 380 and 390. This is one technique you can use in your own parsing subrou-

tines. The longer method of the demonstration program is used for illustrative purposes only, although you might find it useful in another type of program.

Now that we have the verb and noun separated from CO\$, we can test the validity of the command itself. To perform the test, we first translate the contents of VB\$(0) and NO\$(0) into the variables VB and NO. For example, the verb Eat is VB\$(1). The noun Apple is NO\$(3). If we can set VB equal to one, and NO equal to three, we can perform logical tests to determine if the combination 1-3 is valid or invalid.

VB and NO are assigned values in lines 410 and 420. VB\$(0) and NO\$(0) are compared to the other elements in their respective arrays. If a match is found, VB or NO are assigned values that relate to the matched element's position in the array.

The validity tests themselves are then conducted in lines 430 through 510. The command $ON...GOTO$ branches to various points in the decision tree. If the verb is Eat, that is, VB = 1, the program branches from line 430 to line 450. At lines 450 through 510, a further branching is made depending on the value in NL. If the command were Eat Rock, the program would first branch from line 430 to line 450. Since the value of NO is two for the noun Rock, the program would branch from line 450 to line 550, and an Invalid Command statement would be printed.

To use this program, load and run it. In response to the prompt, enter the command Eat Tree. The program will first display the length of the command string. It will then print the verb and noun, showing the assembly of each letter by letter. Finally, a statement regarding the command's validity will appear.

You will gain a great deal of experience by altering the verb and noun arrays to your own suiting, and by redesigning the decision trees in Part 3 to reflect the new vocabulary. You should be able to develop simpler, faster methods once you understand the basics involved. ■

Verbs	Nouns
Eat	Apple
Get	Rock
Read	Book
Hit	Tree

Table 2

Valid Commands
Eat Apple
Get Apple
Get Rock
Get Book
Read Book
Hit Tree

Table 3

Make your favorite programs run faster.

Optimize Your Code

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If you are like me, you finish writing a program with mixed emotions. It's a great feeling to see your program running exactly as you planned. But you probably had a lot of fun throughout the writing process.

One way to extend the fun and improve your program at the same time is by program optimi-

zation. You can optimize the Basic programs you have written and those you purchased or found in magazines and books.

Optimization is simply the process of reviewing a completed program and modifying it to make it run faster (of major importance for Basic programs) and condensing it to save memory (for shorter CLOADs and CSAVEs).

I keep a Casio AQ-2000 calculator with stopwatch functions next to my TRS-80. Although I use it to calculate video screen POKE addresses, it is mainly for

timing various program routines. By recording the run time of each routine, the best one can be chosen for each purpose.

To accurately measure the effects of optimization on a simple program, enter Program Listing 1 just after powering your TRS-80. This ensures that no machine language program will interfere with the demonstration. You will need a timing device, such as a stopwatch with a sweep second hand. Anything more accurate than a sundial will do. You will use it to measure the running time of the program after each modification. Use the Edit function when changing lines. Enter program lines exactly as described; we will be keeping track of program bytes as we progress through the demonstration. If you have a speed-up feature on your TRS-80, set it for normal TRS-80 operational speed.

The Program

Program Listing 1 whitewashes the screen. It is simple and adequate to demonstrate the advant-

ages of program optimization. The variables in lines 10-140 simulate a group of variables normally present in a longer program. Clear0 in line 240 allows a clean byte count after a program run. Two spaces follow each line number. Spaces throughout the program provide better readability. To assist you in stopping your watch, a Last Scan warning will appear on the upper left of the screen followed by a Stop. Line 180 contains 27 spaces preceding the word Whitewash. Three spaces precede and two spaces follow the word Stop in line 240. Line 240 branches to itself to prevent pushing up the whitewashed screen; press Break to stop each run.

All set? Let's begin.

Benchmark Run

We will check our run time and program byte count before we start optimizing. Type Run, then press the Enter and stopwatch start buttons simultaneously. As the whitewash nears the bottom of the screen, watch for the Last Scan warning and stop your watch when Stop appears. Use this procedure for all subsequent runs.

The program run time should be approximately 5 minutes, 39 seconds. Enter ?MEM. The displayed number should be 15191 on a 16K TRS-80. Since our program ends with a Clear0, all re-

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0  CLEAR 300
10  A=0
20  B=0
30  C=0
40  D=0
50  E=0
60  F=0
70  G=0
80  H=0
90  J=0
100 K=0
110 L=0
120 M=0
130 N=0
140 P=0
150 X=0
160 Y=7
170 CLS
180 PRINT"                WHITEWASH"
190 SET(X,Y):REM *** DRAW SPOT
200 IF X=127 THEN X=0:Y=Y+(200*.005) ELSE X=X+(200*.005)
210 IF PEEK(16320)=191 THEN PRINT@0,"LAST SCAN";
220 IF Y=48 THEN GOTO 240:REM *** WHITEWASH IS COMPLETE
230 GOTO 190
240 CLEAR0:PRINT@0,"  STOP  ";GOTO 240:REM *** END

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Program Listing 1

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quests to display available memory will show values subtracted from 15622. Our program now resides in 431 bytes of memory (15622 minus 15191). If the result of a Print Memory query is off by just a few numbers, you probably left out a few spaces. List the program and correct it. If the value is much lower, you probably did not enter the program after a power-on and have a machine language program resident in memory. Save the program on tape, perform a power off-on cycle and load the program.

Variables vs. Constants

Notice the values within the parentheses in line 200. The product of 200 times .005 equals 1. What a dumb way to express a one! To demonstrate the first optimization, change these lines as follows:

```
10 A = 200
20 B = .005
200 IF X = 127 THEN X = 0
    :Y = Y + (A*B) ELSE X = X + (A*B)
```

Enter Run and start the stopwatch. The run time is 4 minutes, 6 seconds, and the byte count is 426. Quite an improvement in run time, right?

This demonstrates the importance of using variables rather than constants in your programs. The TRS-80 normally operates with floating point values. It takes a lot of time to convert constants to floating point values every time they are referenced; accessing a variable which has been converted when initially defined is much faster.

Defining Variable Types

Most program variables only simulate those used in a typical program. Even though we don't use many of them, they are still placed in the variable table. Let's swap the lines in which we define our most heavily used variables with ones we use less. Change these lines as follows:

```
10 X = 0
20 Y = 7
150 A = 200
160 B = .005
```

Start the program and stopwatch. Run time has improved to about 3 minutes, 30 seconds. The byte

count remains the same. Another good improvement!

Define your most heavily used variables first in the program. When running a program, each variable is placed in a table the first time it is referenced. The first defined variable will be at the top of the table, the second defined variable will be second, and so on. When a variable is again referenced the table must be scanned, starting at the top, until the variable is found. The closer variables are to the top, the quicker they will be found.

Variable Type Definition

If a variable type is not defined in a program, the TRS-80 assumes the variable to be a single precision number.

Change this line as follows:

```
0 CLEAR 300:DEFINTX,Y,C
```

Start the program and clock it. Run time should be about 3 minutes, 22 seconds. Program byte count is 434.

This speedup is not significant in this short program. The Defint statement is significant in a larger or busier program where most numeric variables are integers. Whenever possible, use integer variables in For...Next loops.

Program Clean-up

Although extra spaces and unnecessary words make a program listing more readable, they waste memory and slow a running program. Make the following changes:

- Using the Edit function, delete the extra spaces following the line numbers and remove all spaces in the following lines: line 0, 190 (except in the REM statement), 200, 210 (except within quotes), 220 (except in REM statement and those within quotes);

- Change line 180 to PRINT @ 27, "WHITEWASH";

- In line 210, remove the word THEN; and

- In line 220, remove the word GOTO.

Start the program and time. Run time is about 3 minutes, 21 seconds. Program byte count is down to 364.

The biggest savings here is memory space. Eliminate all useless spaces and words since the TRS-80 is a serial byte machine and must read these unnecessary bytes during a run.

REM Blemish

Although useful in program listings, remarks have no place in a running program. Remove the REM statements in lines 190, 220 and 240. Run the demonstration and time it. Run time is now 3 minutes, 9 seconds. Byte count is 310.

Before removing REM statements, make a duplicate tape of your program for future reference and use the optimized copy for execution.

Although it is easier to key in the apostrophe abbreviation in lieu of REM when entering a program, the abbreviation uses two additional bytes. Use REM. This is not true for the ? abbreviation for Print.

POKE IT

Another optimization method is alternate routines. It is no accident that I chose a simple graphics program to demonstrate optimization. Although we get the job done with our present program, we can really get it going with POKES. Of course, we are only doing a simple whitewash. Your future graphics endeavors will not be as simple, but the principle is the same for complex routines.

Change these lines and delete line 220:

```
10 X = 15488
20 Y = 1
30 C = 16383
190 POKE X, 191
200 IF X <> C THEN X = X + 1 ELSE 240
```

Run and time it. Run time is about 21 seconds! Byte count is 289.

The POKE statement draws an area six times larger than the Set statement and consequently

whitewashes the screen much quicker. We are using ASCII code 191, but complex graphics can be drawn with combinations of ASCII codes 129-191.

We can improve the routine even more with a For...Next loop. Change these lines and delete line 200:

```
185 FOR X = XTOC
230 NEXT
```

Run time is now about 11 seconds. Byte count is 276.

Multi-Statement Lines

A lot of memory can be saved by combining statements into single lines. Make the following changes:

- Put all statements from lines 0-180 in line 0. Separate each statement with a colon;
- Delete lines 10-180;
- Put all statements from lines 185-210 in line 10—do not forget the colons; and
- Delete lines 185-210.

Run time is about the same, but the byte count has decreased to 196.

Each program line in memory has the following format. Starting in memory address 17129 (the starting address of all Basic programs), the first two bytes contain the address of the next line. The next two bytes contain the current line number. Immediately following is the statement itself. A zero byte completes the format.

When we put multiple statements in a single line, only the first statement in the line is preceded by the four bytes containing the next line address and current line number. The zero byte mentioned above is replaced by the colon (statement separator). For every line above placed in an existing line, we saved four bytes.

Print @ Graphics

A still quicker way to whitewash the screen is by using the

```
0 CLEAR300:DEFINTX,Y,C:X=15488:Y=1:C=16383:D=0:E=0:F=0:G
=0:H=0:I=0:K=0:L=0:M=0:N=0:P=0:A=200:B=.005:CLS:
PRINT@27,"WHITEWASH"
10 FOR Y = 128TO895STEP179:PRINT@Y, STRING$(179,191);NEXT:POKE
16383,191
240 CLEAR0:PRINT@0; STOP ;GOTO240
```

Program Listing 2



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Print@ statement in lieu of the POKE statement.

Make the following changes and delete line 230:

```
10 FORY = 128 TO 895 STEP 179: PRINT @Y,
   STRINGS$(179,191); NEXT: POKE 16383,191
```

Whew! As best as I can determine, run time is about .7 seconds. Byte count is 190.

The Print@ statement draws the same graphic symbol at consecutive video screen addresses very rapidly.

Optimization Score Card

Program Listing 2 illustrates the optimization so far. Compare it with Listing 1. Look at what our optimization has accomplished.

Program	Run Time	Byte Count
Original	5'39"	431
Optimized	0'7"	190

The extra optimization effort is well worth it. Of course, Whitewash was set up to show the benefits of program optimization. You may not get results as dramatic as these when you op-

timize your programs, but you will greatly improve them.

Some More Tips

The power off/on cycle purges the memory of any resident machine language monitor program. These programs slow a running Basic program because they use time to spy on your program. When needed, these monitors are invaluable. When they are not needed but remain in memory, they are worse than useless. If I activate my ESF Stringy-Floppies and run the original program, time increases to over six minutes. If you are not using a monitor program for the program you are running, purge it.

Most programmers assign variable names similar to the data they represent. A row pointer may be assigned the name RP, a variable Print@ address may be called PA. This is fine if the values are saved for future use. If variable values are not saved, use the same variable names for other data.

```
0 INPUT "ENTER RESISTANCE"; R
1 INPUT "ENTER CURRENT"; I
2 PRINT "VOLTAGE = " I * R
3 INPUT "ENTER LENGTH"; L
4 INPUT "ENTER WIDTH"; W
5 PRINT "AREA = " L * W
```

Assuming the above variables are not used later in the program, the variable in line 3 could be named R, the one in line 4 could be named I, and the variables in line 5 changed correspondingly. This would shorten the variable table and table scanning time would decrease.

Many programs use the Print statement with a string constant full of spaces preceding the first word to be printed. This displays the word at a specific screen location (like we did in line 180 of Whitewash). Use the Print@ or PRINTTAB statements instead.

To decrease run time during cassette input/output operations, create larger blocks of data before writing it on tape. Do this by linking strings. If your data is numeric, convert it to strings within your concatenation loop. Monitor your con-

catenating string length and limit it to the maximum allowed, then write it on tape. When reading it back, the string must be disassembled and distributed to the proper locations. This method takes a little more programming but it saves time. You will decrease the number of records written to and read from tape.

Purchase a good line renumbering program. When your program is completed, renumber your program lines zero in increments of one. This decreases the length of referenced line numbers in your program by one or more digits. For example, look at the following routine:

```
100 A$ = INKEY$: IF A$ = "" THEN 100
   ELSEIF A$ = "X" THEN 110 ELSE 120
110 B = B + C: GOTO 100
120 B = B + D: GOTO 150
```

Assuming that line 100 is the first line of a program, the routine will look like this after renumbering:

```
0 A$ = INKEY$: IF A$ = "" THEN 0 ELSEIF A$
  = "X" THEN 1 ELSE 2
1 B = B + C: GOTO 0
2 B = B + D: GOTO 5
```



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Summary

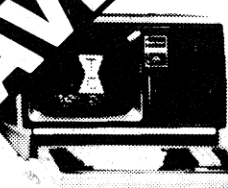
Let's review the procedures covered to optimize a Basic program:

- Use variables instead of constants;
- Define the most heavily used variables first;
- Use the Defint statement to define all integer variables;
- Use POKE and Print@ statements in graphics routines;
- Remove REMs and unnecessary spaces from statements;
- Use For...Next loops instead of increment and test loops;
- Use multi-statement lines;
- Purge unused monitor programs before running programs;

- Use as few variable names as possible;
- Create larger blocks of data to be written on tape; and
- Renumber your programs starting in line 0 and increment by one.

One last tip to make it an even dozen: The more you program, the smarter you get. Review your earlier programs every six months or so. You will find routines that can be improved; that apply the optimization rules and keep your programs as "smart" as you are. You can almost always optimize your programs further.

There are, no doubt, many more ways to optimize your programs: Clear only the number of bytes required by your program; use subroutines for routines that are the same in different parts of your program and use the zero subscripted array variable name, to name a few. The more you optimize your program the more efficiently it will work for you. And program efficiency always pays off. ■



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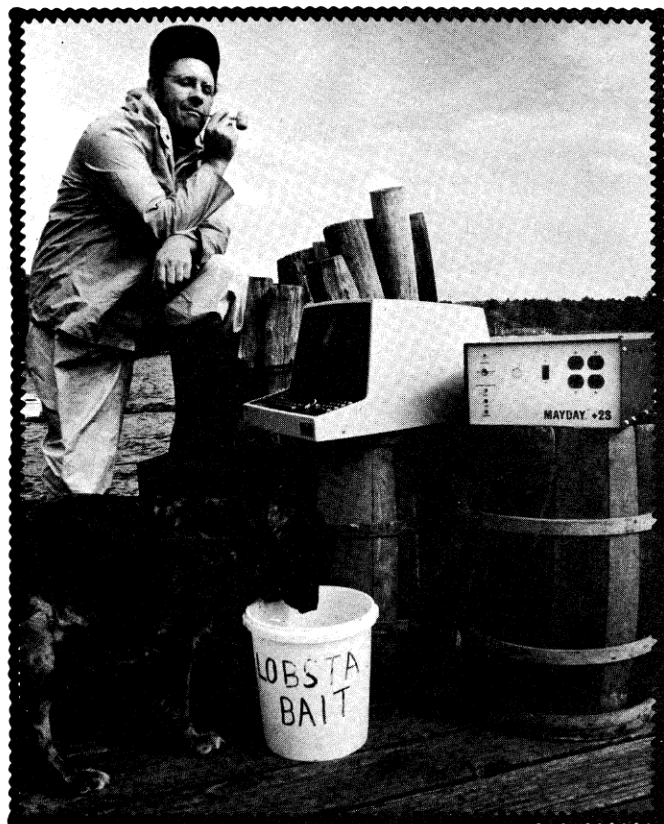
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I recently needed a program that would allow me to quickly examine large portions of RAM and easily change what I found there, working either in ASCII or hex. This ability would allow me to edit data or text in memory, without being concerned over actual addresses. In particular, I wanted to scan and modify whole disk tracks which had been read into RAM. Tracks never read the same way twice so the locations in memory of ID packs, sector boundaries, etc. are unpredictable.

The available monitors for the TRS-80 are written with the intention of editing hex machine-language programs, in which byte locations are well defined. These monitors require specification of the addresses to be edited, and generally allow editing only in hex and scanning

only in one direction. Bi-directional scanning would improve matters, but you still must read off addresses of interest and reenter them under the edit command. The Electric Pencil's editing action not only provides true scrolling in both directions, but its blinking cursor can be positioned with the arrow keys and anything typed at the cursor location replaces what's there. The pencil, however, is not used for editing RAM. It works on its own text files.

PENRAM

PENRAM is a machine-language utility that provides editing in RAM and is similar to the Electric Pencil. Two-way scrolling is available at low or high speed and the moveable edit cursor allows direct type-in of hex bytes or ASCII characters (the mode can be toggled at a keystroke). A continuous display of the edit cursor's address is maintained as well as its displacement from a reference address that you may fix. Users of Electric Pencil should understand that PENRAM does not allow true insertion or deletion of bytes of code; it merely lets you write over what's already there. However, see the note at the end of this article concerning an upgrade to PENRAM.

PENRAM can be used alone as a utility, called from Basic via `USR` or `System`, or patched onto your favorite monitor as a re-

placement for its editing function. Instructions for appending it to `RSM-2` and `T-Bug` are given later. Furthermore, PENRAM is in the public domain. You may incorporate it into any program you write, commercial or otherwise, without royalty arrangements. Author credit is requested.

Creating the Problem

The source code for PENRAM is given in the Program Listing. By omitting most of the comments (and using tab to space right) the program will fit into a 16K machine using Radio Shack's Editor/Assembler. It may also be entered into any of the disk assemblers. To avoid the typing, contact The Alternate Source. They have kindly offered to make the undocumented source code available on tape at cost.

PENRAM may be assembled at any location by changing the `StartP` address near the beginning. Allow 1100 bytes for the code. PENRAM also uses some stack space in the program that calls it; this is normally of no concern.

Once assembled, PENRAM may be used by itself or it may be called by another program. The `StartP` address is also the entry point. When exited, PENRAM executes a `Return` instruction so it should be called in such a manner that this return is meaningful. This will always

be the case if PENRAM is called as a subroutine or if it is entered from DOS.

When calling PENRAM via the `System` or `USR` commands in Basic it may be preferable to jump on return to addresses `06CCH` or `0A9AH`, respectively. To achieve this, change the instruction at `RETLBL` near the beginning of the source code from `RET Z to JP Z,nn`, for example, where `nn` might be `06CCH`. This jump takes three bytes as opposed to the one-byte `RET`, so omit the two `NOPs` immediately afterwards. The code will still be 1100 bytes long. You may add more code at this return point to clear the screen before returning. Assume that PENRAM has modified all registers except `IX`.

Using PENRAM

On entry, or whenever you press `shift/left-arrow`, PENRAM will request an address to start the display. Enter a four-digit hex address (or just press `Enter` to quit). A hex display of the 256 bytes of memory beginning at that address will appear on the screen. You may change this to an ASCII display by pressing `Clear`. Another `Clear` takes you back to hex.

The blinking edit cursor will be in the upper left corner. You move it using the four arrow keys—scrolling is automatic. At any time you may enter data at the current cursor position. In the hex mode two hex charac-

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ters (0-F) are required; in the ASCII mode any printable character may be entered (except arrows). These characters will replace the current byte at that location. You may Break after entering only one hex character in which case the original byte is restored. All data changes are seen instantly on the screen. Most keys repeat so that you may easily fill memory with a value, and high-speed scrolling is provided with the shift/up arrow and shift/down arrow keys.

On the right, you will see <nn> displayed as the actual address of the byte next to the edit cursor. This makes it easy to read off addresses of interest, without counting. Below that the value of the current reference address is shown (in decimal) and the displacement of the edit cursor from it.

The reference address is updated to the current edit cursor position whenever you press shift/Break. To understand the use of the reference address feature imagine that you wish to move the cursor 287 decimal bytes beyond where it is. You would press shift/Break to set the reference address to the current position of the edit cursor, and then you would move the cursor downwards while watching the displacement value to see when you have reached 287.

Attaching PENRAM to a Monitor

The addition of PENRAM will complement the editing features of any good monitor program. Patching PENRAM to a monitor program is easily done. For example, RSM-2 provides a U (user-definable) command that will access PENRAM. Under T-Bug the normal M editing command is replaced. In the following instructions all addresses and values are in hex.

The 48K version of RSM-2 is assumed. For 32K, subtract four from the first hex digit of each address or value marked "*". Thus *E7B3H for 48K becomes A7B3H for 32K. Similarly, *FFH becomes BFH. For 16K, subtract eight instead of four. Assemble PENRAM at *E7B3H by setting STARTP in the source code to this value. Load the resulting object code into memory. Load and run RSM-2. Using the E command of RSM-2, change the code at address:

```
*EEA6H from 00      to 7F
*EEB1H from 32 80 *FF to 00 00 00
*FF80H from C9 00 00 to C3 B3 *E7
```

At this point the new monitor program PENRSM resides from *E7B3H to *FFFFH, with entry point *EE94H. You may write it out to tape with the P command, or on a disk system you may go to DOS with G402D and use

TapeDisk or the Dump command to put PENRAM/CMD on disk.

Adding PENRAM to T-bug is very easy. (A Level II non-disk machine is assumed.) Assemble PENRAM at 4980H and load the object code into memory there. Load and run T-Bug. Use its M command to carefully change the two bytes at address 440EH:

```
from 32 45
to 80 49
```

Use X to break from the editing mode. The new monitor program PENBUG now resides from 4380H to 4D09H, with entry point 43A0H. Immediately, before doing anything else, punch it out to tape with the P command. Under PENBUG the M command will access PENRAM; shift/left arrow; Enter returns from it. It may also be necessary to press X on return to get the # prompt.

To attach PENRAM to other monitors locate the call or jump used when the edit command is invoked and replace it with a call to PENRAM.

How PENRAM Works

Those interested in modifying or extending PENRAM will need to know something of the program structure. Refer to the source code listing in Listing 1. PENRAM operates by keeping track of three important addresses, which will be referred to by the names of their storage locations (which are unimportant).

HOMADD, the address that is displayed in the upper left (home) corner.
EDCUR, the current location in video memory (3C00H-3FFFH) of the edit cursor.
BYTED, the actual address of the byte pointed to by the edit cursor.

Initially the screen is filled with 256 bytes of memory starting at the hex address input by the user. This address is the first value of HOMADD. The edit cursor is positioned at the first byte displayed. From there it can be moved 15 spaces to the right and/or 15 lines down, without causing any scrolling. A count (stored in RGTCUR) is kept of how many spaces to the right the cursor is moved. A similar count (in DWNCUR) is kept of how many lines down it is moved. PENRAM

begins each cycle of its operation at UpDate by calculating, from RGTCUR and DWNCUR the present address, EDCUR, of the edit cursor. It simultaneously calculates (from HOMADD, RGTCUR, and DWNCUR) the value of BYTED so that it knows to which byte in memory the edit cursor is pointing.

Once these values have been found, PENRAM displays the address stored at BYTED as the <nn> value mentioned earlier. It also displays the current reference address, called ATADD, and subtracts it from the BYTED address to find the present displacement. Available ROM routines are used to convert this displacement to decimal, and it too is displayed.

With this done, PENRAM goes into a keyboard scan loop at KBDSCN. It remains in this loop, blinking the edit cursor, until a key is pressed. The cursor blink rate is determined by BDELAY, and the graphics character used for the cursor is defined by CURCHR. Either of these may be changed before assembly.

When a key is pressed, PENRAM goes to KPRESS and takes the following actions:

- If a shifted up- or down-arrow key, PENRAM immediately checks the value of DWNCUR and modifies it or scrolls the screen, as appropriate.
- If the shift/left arrow key, PENRAM reinitializes by jumping back to the ENTRY2 point. This is almost a full restart.
- If the shift/Break key, PENRAM immediately sets ATADD equal to BYTED, thus updating the reference address, and returns to UpDate so that the new value will be displayed.

● If an unshifted arrow key, PENRAM enters a debounce delay loop and then processes the key by updating RGTCUR or DWNCUR and scrolling the screen if necessary.

● If the Clear key, PENRAM changes the type of display flag HATYPE from hex to ASCII or vice-versa, redraws the screen and restarts the cycle.

● If a valid hex character in the hex mode, PENRAM remembers the entry, delays briefly for debounce, and awaits the next

Program Listing

```
***** 00010 ;*****
00020 ;
00030 ; >>>> P E N R A M <<<<
00040 ;
00050 ; A SCROLLING RAM EDITOR UTILITY
00060 ;
00070 ; SOFTWARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN
00080 ;
00090 ;*****
00100 ;
00110 ; BY ROXTON BAKER
00120 ; BOX 8272, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96555
00130 ;
00140 ;
00150 ; VERSION 2.0
00160 ;-----
00170 ;
00180 ; COMMANDS:
00190 ; 'CLEAR' CHANGES TYPE OF DUMP (HEX/ASCII).
00200 ; 'BREAK' BREAKS FROM ERRONEOUS HEX ENTRY.
00210 ; 'SHIFT/BREAK' SETS REF. ADDRESS = CURRENT
ADDRESS. 00220 ; 'SHIFT/UP- OR DOWN-ARROW' SCROLLS RAPIDLY.
00230 ; 'SHIFT/LEFT-ARROW' ALLOWS NEW STARTING AD
DRESS. 00240 ; (REPLY <ENTER> TO LEAVE PENRAM)
00250 ;
00260 ;
00270 ;-----
00280 ; PENRAM CAN BE RELOCATED BY CHANGING THE VA
LUE OF
```

Listing continues

hex character. When that is received PENRAM forms the new byte and writes it into BYTED. Then it steps the edit cursor right one space by jumping to same place (DORT) that a right-arrow would have taken it.

● If a valid ASCII alpha-numeric and in the ASCII mode, PENRAM writes it into BYTED and then steps the edit cursor right.

The delay values used for the debouncing are specified as KDELAY1 and KDELAY2. You may wish to increase them if you experience keybounce.

The cursor movement referred to above as resulting from the arrow keys is coded in routines DOUP, DODN, DOLF, and DORT. For example, if the user is not attempting to move the cursor off-screen, then these routines just translate the arrow keystrokes into appropriate changes in RGTCUR and DWNCUR, and return to UpDate to begin the next cycle.

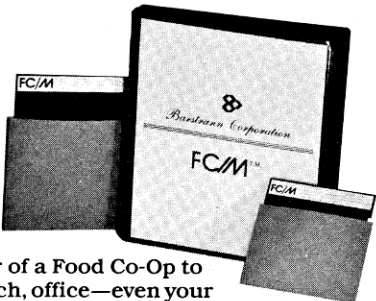
When the cursor is moved beyond the edge of the screen,

scrolling must take place. This is done by shifting the current contents of the screen up (or down) by one line, updating HO-MADD, and writing one new line at the bottom (or top). Note that this scrolling affects only the first 55 characters of each line. The BYTED and ATADD locations displayed on the right are not moved. RGTCUR and DWNCUR are also changed as required. PENRAM then returns to UpDate to begin the next cycle.

The detailed comments in the source code may be referred to for further information. ■

Note: Since this was written, a greatly improved version of PENRAM has become available. It allows true insert/delete, block move, fill and search, etc. However, the object code now requires 4K of RAM, and the source code can be assembled only on a disk system using MISOSYS' EDAS assembler. Contact The Alternate Source, 1806 Ada St., Lansing, MI 48910 for more information.

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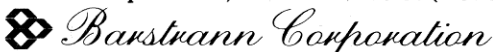
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00290 ; 'STARTP' .      ALLOW 1100 (044CH) BYTES TOT
AL.                      00300 ;
E7B3                      00310 STARTP EQU 0E7B3H      ;FOR LINKING
WITH RSM48.              00320 ;
                          00330 ;
                          00340 ;
                          00350 ; SYSTEM ROUTINES AND LOCATIONS ---
002B                      00360 KI EQU 002BH      ;INPUTS ASCI
I BYTE                   00370 CLS EQU 01C9H      ;CLEARs SCRE
01C9                      00380 CURPOS EQU 4020H    ;POS'N OF ST
EN                        00390 KIBUF EQU 4036H    ;WORKSPACE F
4020                      00400 LINEIN EQU 05D9H   ;INPUTS WHOL
D. CURSOR                00410 BYTDIS EQU 0033H    ;PRINTS ASCI
4036                      00420 DELAY EQU 0060H    ;14.6 USEC P
OR KI                    00430 NTF2 EQU 0A9DH      ;DENOTES INT
05D9                      00440 NUMSTR EQU 0FBDH   ;CONVERTS NU
E LINE                   00450 ;
0033                      00460 ; CONSTANTS ---
I BYTE                   00470 KDLAY1 EQU 2500H    ;MAIN INTER-
0060                      00480 KDLAY2 EQU 1200H    ;AUX DELAY R
ER COUNT BC              00490 BDELAY EQU 0A0H     ;SPEED OF CU
0A9D                      00500 BLANK EQU 80H      ;BLANK GRAPH
EGER VALUE               00510 CURCHR EQU 8AH      ;DEFINES CUR
0FBD                      00520 ;
M. TO STRING             00530 ; KEYBOARD INPUT VALUES ---
                          00540 CLEAR EQU 1FH
2500                      00550 BREAK EQU 4
KEY DELAY                00560 SHPBRK EQU 5
1200                      00570 SHPTUP EQU 9
EGULAR CHAR.             00580 SHPTDN EQU 17
00A0                      00590 SHPLFT EQU 21H
RSOR BLINK               00600 UPAROW EQU 5BH
0080                      00610 DNAROW EQU 0AH
ICS BLOCK                00620 LFAROW EQU 08
008A                      00630 RTAROW EQU 09
SOR CHARACTER            00640 ;
                          00650 ; KEYBOARD SCAN ADDRESSES ---
001F                      00660 KEYS1 EQU 3801H     ;0-9 KEYS
0004                      00670 CNTL EQU 3840H     ;DETECT CONT
0005                      00680 SHCNTL EQU 38C0H    ;SAME BUT SH
0009                      00690 SHIFT EQU 3880H    ;0 HERE MEAN
0011                      00700 ;
0021                      00710 ; STORAGE LOCATIONS ---
005B                      00720 STRPLC EQU STARTP+2 ;STORES STRI
000A                      00730 STORAG EQU STARTP+66 ;ADDRESS TO
0008                      00740 ADDR EQU STORAG     ;ADDRESS AT
                          00750 HOMADD EQU STORAG+2  ;LOC'N OF ED
                          00760 EDCUR EQU STORAG+4  ;BYTE AT EDI
                          00770 BYTED EQU STORAG+6  ;# TIMES MOV
                          00780 RGTCUR EQU STORAG+8 ;# TIMES MOV
                          00790 DWNCUR EQU STORAG+9 ;TYPE OF DUM
                          00800 HATYPE EQU STORAG+10 ;KEY INPUT S
                          00810 KEY EQU STORAG+11   ;USED IN HEX
                          00820 KEYH EQU STORAG+12  ;DIRECTION O
                          00830 LSTARW EQU STORAG+13 ;HOLDS REFER
                          00840 ATADD EQU STORAG+14
                          00850 ;
                          00860 ; VIDEO LOCATIONS ---
3C00                      00870 LINE01 EQU 3C00H
3C40                      00880 LINE02 EQU 3C40H
3D00                      00890 LINE05 EQU 3D00H
3FC0                      00900 LINE16 EQU 3FC0H
3C00                      00910 VIDFST EQU 3C00H
3FFF                      00920 VIDLST EQU 3FFFH
                          00930 ;
                          00940 ;
                          00950 ;
                          00960 ; START OF MAIN PENRAM ROUTINE
E7B3                      00970 ;
E7B3 1850                 00980 ; ORG STARTP
                          00990 ; JR ENTRY
                          01000 ;
0050                      01010 ; DEFS 80 ;WORK AND ST
ORAGE SPACE.              01020 ;
                          01030 ; ENTRY DI
E805 F3                   01040 ; CALL CLS
E806 CDC901               01050 ; LD HL,3E38H ;PROMPT FOR
E809 21383E               01060 ; LD (CURPOS),HL
ADDRESS.                  01070 ; LD HL,INMSG
E80C 222040               01080 ;
E80F 21EEB                01090 ;
    
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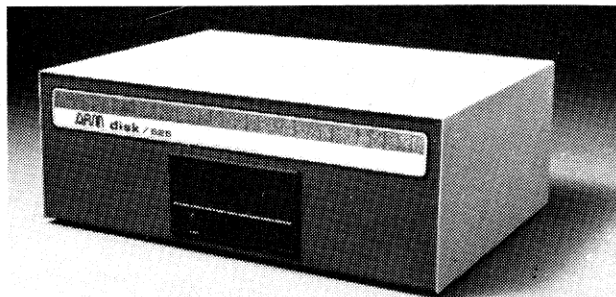
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E812 CDC0EB 01080 CALL OUTSTR ;DISPLAY IT.
01090 ;
01100 ; TAKE IN 4-DIGIT HEX ADDRESS. BREAK

FROM PENRAM 01110 ; IF ONLY <ENTER> WAS PRESSED.
E815 21783E 01120 ENTRY2 LD HL,3E78H ;CLEAR ANY P
REV. ADDRESS
E818 222040 01130 LD (CURPOS),HL ; AND TAKE
IN NEW ONE.
E81B 3E1E 01140 LD A,1EH ;ERASE TO EN
D OF LINE.
E81D CD3300 01150 CALL BYTDIS
E820 0604 01160 LD B,4 ;ALLOW ONLY
4 DIGITS
E822 21B5E7 01170 LD HL,STRPLC
E825 CDD905 01180 CALL LINEIN
E828 78 01190 LD A,B ;B HAS # CHA
R. TYPED.
E829 A7 01200 AND A
01210 ;
E82A C8 01220 RETLBL RET Z ;LEAVE PENRA
M IF NO CHAR.
E82B 00 01230 NOP ; ENTERED.
CHANGE THIS
E82C 00 01240 NOP ; TO A JUMP
IF DESIRED.
01250 ;
E82D FE04 01260 CP 4
E82F 20E4 01270 JR NZ,ENTRY2 ;DO AGAIN IF
< 4 CHAR.
01280 ;
01290 ; IS INPUT VALID HEX? IF NOT, BACK TO
PROMPT.
E831 21B8E7 01300 LD HL,STRPLC+3
E834 CD08EA 01310 CALL FRMBYT ;MAKES ASCII
CHAR AT HL
E837 38DC 01320 JR C,ENTRY2 ; INTO VALI
D HEX IN A.
E839 32F7E7 01330 LD (HOMADD),A ; RETURNS C
ARRY SET IF
E83C CD08EA 01340 CALL FRMBYT ; NOT VALID
HEX.
E83F 38D4 01350 JR C,ENTRY2
E841 32F8E7 01360 LD (HOMADD+1),A
01370 ;
01380 ; STARTING ADDRESS IS AT HOMADD. NOW
INITIALIZE
01390 ; SCROLLING DUMP ROUTINE AND BEGIN.
E844 AF 01400 XOR A
E845 32FFE7 01410 LD (HATYPE),A ;ASSUME HEX
DUMP.
01420 ;
01430 ; LD (DWNCR),A ;EDIT CURSOR
IS AT
E84B 32FDE7 01440 LD (RGTCUR),A ; TOP LEFT
01450 ;
01460 ; LD HL,(HOMADD) ;THIS IS FIR
ST REFER-
E851 2203E8 01470 LD (ATADD),HL ; ENCE ADDR
ESS.
01480 ;
01490 ; LD HL,3C78H ;SET UP CURS
OR AND
E857 222040 01500 LD (CURPOS),HL ; PRINT LOG
O AND
E85A 21F7EB 01510 LD HL,PENMSG ; OTHER MAR
KS.
E85D CDC0EB 01520 CALL OUTSTR
E860 3E3E 01530 LD A,'>'
E862 32F83C 01540 LD (3CF8H),A
E865 3E3C 01550 LD A,'<'
E867 32FF3C 01560 LD (3CFPH),A
E86A 3E3D 01570 LD A,'='
E86C 32783D 01580 LD (3D78H),A
E86F 3E48 01590 LD A,'H'
E871 327E3D 01600 LD (3D7EH),A
01610 ;
01620 REINIT LD HL,(HOMADD) ;START WITH
REQUESTED
E874 2AF7E7 01630 LD (ADDR),HL ; ADDRESS.
E877 22F5E7 01640 LD B,16 ;FOR 16 LINE
E87A 0610
S.
E87C 21FF3B 01650 LD HL,VIDFST-1 ;INITIALIZE
CURSOR.
E87F 222040 01660 LD (CURPOS),HL
01670 ;
01680 INITLP EXX ;REPAINT SCR
E882 D9
EEN BY PRINT-
E883 2A2040 01690 LD HL,(CURPOS) ; ING 16 LI
NES.
E886 23 01700 INC HL
E887 222040 01710 LD (CURPOS),HL
E88A 2AF5E7 01720 LD HL,(ADDR)
E88D CD55EB 01730 CALL MAKSTR ;CREATES DUM
P STRING FROM
E890 21B5E7 01740 LD HL,STRPLC
THE 16 BYTES
E893 CDC0EB 01750 CALL OUTSTR ; THERE. P
RINT STRING.
E896 011000 01760 LD BC,16
E899 CDCAE8 01770 CALL AADDR ;POINT TO NE
XT ADDRESS.
E89C D9
E89D 10E3 01780 EXX
01790 DJNZ INITLP
01800 ;
01810 ; LD A,1 ;CURSOR MOVE
D DOWN LAST.
E8A1 3202E8 01820 LD (LSTARW),A
01830 ;
01840 UPDATE LD HL,(EDCUR) ;ERASE OLD E
DIT CURSOR.
E8A7 3680 01850 LD (HL),BLANK
01860 ;
01870 ; NOW CALCULATE NEW EDIT CURSOR POSITION (ED
CUR) AND EDIT

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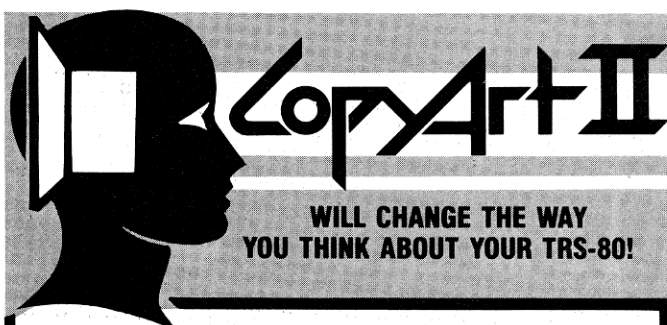
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NCUR AND      01880 ; BYTE ADDRESS (BYTED) FROM NEW VALUES OF DW
E8A9 3AFEE7   01890 ; RGTCUR.
FOR BEING     01900 LD A, (DWNCR) ; INITIALIZE
E8AC 3C       01910 INC A ; COUNTED.
E8AD 47       01920 LD B,A
E8AE 21C33B   01930 LD HL,VIDFST-61
E8B1 114000   01940 LD DE,64
E8B4 D9       01950 EXX ;COUNT ADDR
SEES IN ALT   01960 LD HL,(HOMADD) ; REGISTER'S
E8B5 2AF7E7   01970 LD BC,17
E8B6 011100   01980 XOR A
E8BB AF       01990 SBC HL,BC
E8BC ED42     02000 LD DE,16
E8BE 111000   02010 EXX
E8C1 D9       02020 ;
E8C2 19       02030 LINEDN ADD HL,DE ;FOR EVERY L
YNE DOWN, ADD 02040 EXX ; 64 TO EDC
E8C3 D9       02050 ADD HL,DE ; TO BYTED.
UR AND 16
E8C4 19       02060 EXX
E8C5 D9       02070 DJNZ LINEDN
E8C6 10FA     02080 ;
E8C8 3AFDE7   02090 LD A,(RGTCUR)
E8CB 3C       02100 INC A
E8CC 47       02110 LD B,A
E8CD 110300   02120 LD DE,3
E8D0 19       02130 ;
E8D1 D9       02140 SPCRG T ADD HL,DE ;FOR EVERY S
PACE RIGHT,   02150 EXX ; ADD 3 TO
E8D1 D9       02160 INC HL ; TO BYTED.
EDC4 19       02170 EXX
E8D3 D9       02180 DJNZ SPCRG T
E8D4 10FA     02190 ;
E8D6 22F9E7   02200 LD (EDCUR),HL ;UPDATE EDIT
CURSOR POS'N  02210 LD (HL),CURCHR ; AND PRINT
E8D9 368A     02220 EXX
E8DB D9       02230 LD (BYTED),HL ;UPDATE EDIT
E8DC 22FBE7   02240 EXX
E8DF D9       02250 ;
E8DF D9       02260 ; DISPLAY THE CURRENT EDIT BYTE ADDRES
S ALONG      02270 ; WITH THE REFERENCE ADDRESS AND OFFSE
T FROM IT.
E8E0 21FA3C   02280 LD HL,3CPAH ;WILL PRINT
HERE FIRST.
E8E3 222040   02290 LD (CURPOS),HL
E8E6 21B9E7   02300 LD HL,STRPLC+4 ;PUT IN TERM
INATOR FOR
E8E9 3603     02310 LD (HL),3 ; STRINGS B
ELOW.
E8EB 2B       02320 ;
E8EB 2B       02330 DEC HL ;MAKE BYTE T
HAT EDIT
E8EC ED4BFB7  02340 LD BC,(BYTED) ; CURSOR PO
INTS TO INTO
E8F0 CD98EB   02350 CALL BSTRNG ; AN ASCII
STRING AND
E8F3 CDC0EB   02360 CALL OUTSTR ; PRINT IT.
E8F6 217A3D   02370 ;
ADDRESS SIM-  02380 LD HL,3D7AH ;PRINT REF.
E8F9 222040   02390 LD (CURPOS),HL ; ILARLY.
E8FC 21B8E7   02400 LD HL,STRPLC+3
E8FF ED4B03E8 02410 LD BC,(ATADD)
E903 CD98EB   02420 CALL BSTRNG
E906 CDC0EB   02430 CALL OUTSTR
E909 21B83D   02440 ;
FSET, FIRST  02450 LD HL,3DB8H ;TO PRINT OF
E90C 222040   02460 LD (CURPOS),HL ; CLEAR THE
LINE.
E90F 3E1E     02470 LD A,1EH
E911 CD3300   02480 CALL BYTDIS
E914 2AFBE7   02490 LD HL,(BYTED) ;NOW CALC. O
FFSET.
E917 ED5B03E8 02500 LD DE,(ATADD)
E91B AF       02510 XOR A ;RESET CARRY
FLAG.
E91C ED52     02520 SBC HL,DE ;GET OFFSET
IN HL.
E91E 222141   02530 LD (4121H),HL ;GIVE IT TO
THE ROM
E921 CD9D0A   02540 CALL NTF2 ; AS AN INT
EGER.
E924 CDBD0F   02550 CALL NUMSTR ;ROM MAKES I
T A STRING.
E927 CDC0EB   02560 CALL OUTSTR ;WHICH WE PR
INT.
E92A 3E44     02570 LD A,'D' ;FOLLOW WITH
D FOR DEC.
E92C 32BE3D   02580 LD (3DBEH),A
E92F 21B83D   02590 LD HL,3DB8H ;NOW SEE IF
IT WAS A
E932 7E       02600 LD A,(HL) ; NEGATIVE
NUMBER.
E933 FE2D     02610 CP '-'
E935 2892     02620 JR J,KBDSN
E937 362B     02630 LD (HL),'+' ;IF NOT, MAR
K WITH +.
E937 362B     02640 ;
E937 362B     02650 ; THE EDIT CURSOR POSITION AND ALL POI
NTERS HAVE

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T. ALL 02660 ; BEEN COMPLETELY UPDATED AT THIS POIN
D. NOW 02670 ; LOCATION INFORMATION HAS BEEN PRINTE
02680 ; BLINK THE CURSOR WHILE AWAITING KEYB
OARD INPUT. 02690 KBDSCN LD B,BDELAY ;BLINK ON CO
UNTDOWN TO 0. 02700 HALFCCK LD A,(SHIFT) ;SEE IF SHIF
T PRESSED. 02710 AND A
E93E A7 02720 JR Z,REGKI ;GO IF NO SH
E93F 281C 02730 LD A,(SHCNTL) ;ELSE CHECK
IFT 02740 CP SHFLFT ; ADDRESS P
E941 3AC038 02750 JP Z,ENTRY2 ; FOR SHIFT
FOR RETURN TO 02760 CP SHFTUP ; ARROWS.
E944 FE21 02770 JR Z,DOUP ; ARROW, SC
ROMPT OR 02780 CP SHFTDN ; DELAY.
E946 CA15E8 02790 JR Z,DODN
ED UP/DOWN 02800 CP SHFBRK ;IF SHIFT/BR
E949 FE09 02810 JR NZ,REGKI ; CURRENT R
IF UP OR DOWN 02820 LD HL,(BYTED) ; WITH THE
E94B 2841 02830 LD (ATADD),HL ; TO BY THE
ROLL WITHOUT 02840 JR JUPDAT
E94D FE11 02850 ;
E94F 2848 02860 REGKI CALL KIR ;SCAN REGULA
E951 FE05 02870 JR NZ,KPRESS ; REPEAT.
EAK, REPLACE 02880 DJNZ HALFCCK ;BACK UNLESS
E953 2008 02890 ;
EF. ADDRESS 02900 ;
E955 2AFBE7 02910 LD HL,(EDCUR)
BYTE POINTED 02920 LD A,(HL) ; FLIP-FLOP
E958 2203E8 02930 XOR 0AH ; ACTER AND
CURSOR. 02940 LD (HL),A ; BLINK IT.
E95B 1874 02950 JR KBDSCN
E95D CD9BEA 02960 ;
R KEYS WITH 02970 KPRESS LD (KEY),A ;A KEY IS DO
02980 CP CLEAR
E960 200B 02990 JR NZ,DBNC ;GO IF NOT C
EY DOWN. 03000 LD A,(HATYPE) ;ELSE ON CLE
E962 10D7 03010 XOR 1 ; -FLOP TYP
BLINK TIME. 03020 LD (HATYPE),A
E964 2AF9E7 03030 JP REINIT ;AND REPAINT
E967 7E 03040 ;
CURSOR CHAR- 03050 LD BC,KDLAY1 ;DELAY TO AV
E968 EE0A 03060 CALL DELAY
GO BACK TO 03070 ;
E96A 77 03080 LD A,(KEY) ;RETRIEVE KE
03090 ;
E96B 18CC 03100 ; NOW CHECK TO SEE IF THE KEY WAS AN A
03110 ; GO TO THE APPROPRIATE PROCESSING IF
E96D 3200E8 03120 CKUP CP UPAROW
WN. SAVE IT. 03130 JR Z,DOUP
E970 FE1F 03140 JR CKDN
E972 200B 03150 CALL CURSUP ;SCROLLING U
LEAR KEY. 03160 JR JUPDAT ; CURSUP DO
E974 3AFFE7 03170 ;
AR ONLY, FLIP 03180 CP DNAROW
E977 EE01 03190 JR Z,DODN
E OF DUMP. 03200 JR CKLF
E979 32FFE7 03210 CALL CURSDN ;SCROLLING D
E97C C374E8 03220 JR JUPDAT ; CURSDN DO
SCREEN. 03230 ;
03240 ;
E97F 010025 03250 CKDN CP DNAROW
OID BOUNCE. 03260 JR Z,DODN
E982 CD6000 03270 JR CKLF
03280 CALL CURSUP ;SCROLLING U
E985 3A00E8 03290 JR JUPDAT ; CURSUP DO
Y ENTERED. 03300 ;
03310 ;
RROW KEY. 03320 ; GO TO THE APPROPRIATE PROCESSING IF
IT WAS. 03330 ;
E988 FE5B 03340 CKUP CP UPAROW
E98A 2802 03350 JR Z,DOUP
E98C 1805 03360 JR CKDN
E98E CDADEA 03370 CALL CURSUP ;SCROLLING U
P IS EASY - 03380 JR JUPDAT ; CURSUP DO
E991 183E 03390 ;
ES IT ALL. 03400 ;
03410 ;
E993 FE0A 03420 CKDN CP DNAROW
E995 2802 03430 JR Z,DODN
E997 1805 03440 JR CKLF
E999 CD00EB 03450 CALL CURSDN ;SCROLLING D
OWN IS EASY - 03460 JR JUPDAT ; CURSDN DO
E99C 1833 03470 ;
ES IT ALL. 03480 ;
03490 ;
E99E FE08 03500 CKLF CP LPAROW
E9A0 2802 03510 JR Z,DOLF
E9A2 1815 03520 JR CKRT
E9A4 3AFDE7 03530 LD A,(RGTCUR) ;LEFT ARROW
MAY REQUIRE 03540 ;
E9A7 3D 03550 DEC A ; MOVING CU
RSOR UP ONE 03560 CP 0FFH ; IF AT EXT
E9A8 FEFF 03570 LD (RGTCUR),A
REME LEFT. 03580 JR NZ,JUPDAT ;GO IF NOT A
E9AA 32FDE7 03590 LD A,15 ;ELSE MOVE T
E9AD 2022 03600 LD (RGTCUR),A ; AND SCROL
T FAR LEFT. 03610 ;
E9AF 3E0F 03620 LD (RGTCUR),A
O FAR RIGHT 03630 CALL CURSUP ; ONE ROW.
E9B1 32FDE7 03640 JR JUPDAT
L CURSOR UP 03650 ;
E9B4 CDADEA 03660 CP RTAROW
E9B7 1818 03670 JR Z,DORT
03680 JR KEYIN
E9B9 FE09 03690 LD A,(RGTCUR) ;RIGHT ARROW
E9BB 2802 03700 ;
E9BD 1815 03710 ;
E9BF 3AFDE7 03720 ;

E9C2 3C 03410 INC A ; MOVING CU
RSOR DOWN ONE 03420 CP 16 ; IF AT EXT
E9C3 FE10 03430 LD (RGTCUR),A
REME RIGHT. 03440 JR NZ,JUPDAT ;GO IF NOT A
E9C5 32FDE7 03450 XOR A ;ELSE MOVE T
E9C8 2007 03460 LD (RGTCUR),A ; AND SCROL
T FAR RIGHT. 03470 CALL CURSDN ; ONE ROW.
E9CA AF 03480 ;
O FAR LEFT 03490 JUPDAT JP UPDATE ;ARROW KEY P
E9CB 32FDE7 03500 ;
L CURSOR DOWN 03510 ;
E9CE CD00EB 03520 ; ARRIVE HERE IF KEY PRESSED WAS NOT A
03530 ;
E9D1 C3A4E8 03540 ; KEY. THAT SIGNIFIES AN ATTEMPT TO E
ROCESSED. 03550 ;
03560 ;
CONTROL 03570 ;
03580 ;
NTER DATA. 03590 ;
03600 ;
OR 0-F. IF 03610 ;
03620 ;
SPLAY IT. 03630 KEYIN LD BC,KDLAY2
E9D4 010012 03640 CALL DELAY ;DELAY FOR D
E9D7 CD6000 03650 LD A,(HATYPE) ;CHECK TYPE
EBOUNCE. 03660 LD A
E9DA 3AFFE7 03670 AND A
OF DUMP. 03680 JR NZ,ASCIN ;GO IF ASCII
E9DD A7 03690 ;
E9DE 2052 03700 LD A,(KEY) ;IN HEX MODE
03710 ;
E9E0 3A00E8 03720 CALL VALHEX ;RETURNS CAR
. CHECK KEY. 03730 JP C,UPDATE ; IS INVALI
E9E3 CD4FEA 03740 RLCA ;ELSE RETURN
RY SET IF KEY 03750 RLCA ; IN A.
E9E6 DAA4E8 03760 RLCA ;PUT HEX 0-F
D HEX. 03770 ;
E9E9 07 03780 RLCA ; NYBBLE OF
S VALID HEX 03790 LD (KEYH),A ;SAVE IT.
E9EA 07 03800 LD HL,(EDCUR) ;INCIDENTALL
E9EB 07 03810 LD A,CURCHR ; EDIT CURS
IN HIGH 03820 LD (HL),A ; MAY BE OF
E9EC 07 03830 ;
A. 03840 ;
E9ED 3201E8 03850 ;
03860 ;
E9F0 2AF9E7 03870 LD A,(KEY) ;RETRIEVE KE
Y REDRAW 03880 CALL CURINC ; IT AT EDC
E9F3 3E8A 03890 CALL BYTDIS
OR SINCE IT 03900 LD A,(CNTL) ;NOW WAIT FO
E9F5 77 03910 CP BREAK ; HEX ENTRY
F. 03920 ;
E9F6 3A00E8 03930 JP Z,REINIT ; TO MAIN R
Y AND DISPLAY 03940 CALL KIR ; REQUIRED.
E9F9 CD93EA 03950 CALL VALHEX ;CHECK WHATE
UR+1. 03960 JR C,WAITNX ; EVEN IF N
E9FC CD3300 03970 LD C,A ;HAVE A VALI
03980 ;
E9FF 3A4038 03990 LD A,(KEYH) ;MERGE IT WI
R NEXT VALID 04000 OR C
EA02 FE04 04010 LD HL,(BYTED) ;STORE NEW B
. BREAK BACK 04020 LD (HL),A
EA04 CA74E8 04030 ;
OUTLINE IF 04040 ;
EA07 CD9BEA 04050 ;
EA0A CD4FEA 04060 ;
VER CAME IN, 04070 ;
EA0D 38F0 04080 ;
OTHING DID. 04090 ;
04100 ;
EA0F 4F 04110 LD C,A
D HEX CHARI 04120 LD A,(KEYH)
EA10 3A01E8 04130 ;
TH LAST CHAR. 04140 ;
EA13 B1 04150 OR C
EA14 2AFBE7 04160 LD HL,(BYTED)
YTE AT BYTED. 04170 LD (HL),A
EA17 77 04180 ;
04190 ;
EA18 7E 04200 LD A,(HL)
D DISPLAY IT 04210 ;
EA19 CD93EA 04220 CALL CURINC ; AT THE ED
IT CURSOR. 04230 LD C,A ; THIS VERI
EA1C 4F 04240 ;
FIES THE EDIT 04250 CALL ASCII
EA1D CDA7EB 04260 EX DE,HL
EA20 EB 04270 LD A,H
EA21 7C 04280 LD A,H
EA22 CD3300 04290 CALL BYTDIS
EA25 7D 04300 LD A,L
EA26 CD3300 04310 CALL BYTDIS
04320 ;
EA29 010037 04330 LD BC,KDLAY1+KDLAY2 ;DEBOUNCE
DELAY HERE 04340 ;
EA2C CD6000 04350 CALL DELAY ; LIKE OTHE
R PATHS. 04360 JP DORT ;AND GO ACT
EA2F C3BFE9 04370 ;
JUST AS IF 04380 ;
04390 ;
OW PRESSED. 04400 ;
04410 ;
EA32 3A00E8 04420 LD A,(KEY) ;KEY IN SHOU
LD BE VALID 04430 LD C,A ; ASCII, BU
EA35 4F 04440 ;
T CHECK IT 04450 CALL VALASC ; TO BE SUR
EA36 CD72EA 04460 ;
E... 04470 ;
EA39 3096 04480 JR NC,JUPDAT ;GO IF BAD.
EA3B 2AFBE7 04490 LD HL,(BYTED) ;ELSE ENTER
INTO RAM AND 04500 ;
EA3E 77 04510 LD (HL),A ; READ IT B

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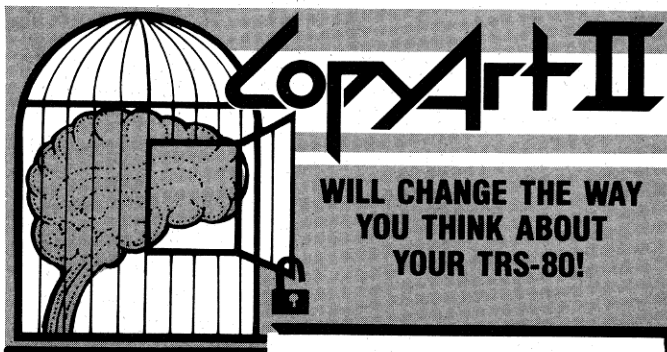
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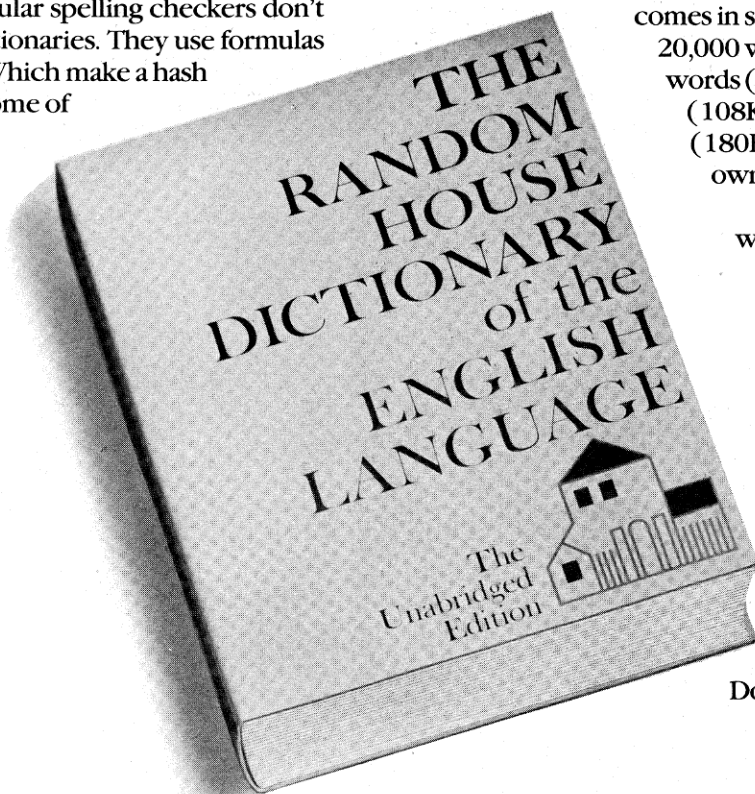
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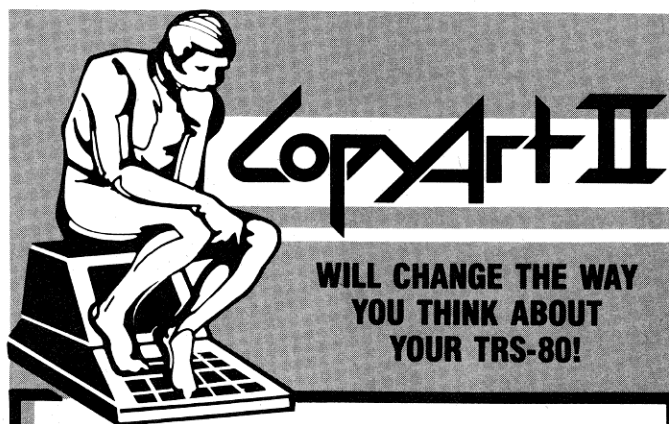
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ACK TO VERIFY
EA3F 7E      04130      LD      A,(HL)      ; THE EDIT
ACTION.
EA40 4F      04140      LD      C,A          ;CHECK AGAIN
FOR ASCII
EA41 CD72EA  04150      CALL   VALASC       ; IN CASE W
E'RE IN ROM.
EA44 3006     04160      JR      NC,ENDASC   ;GO IF BAD.
EA46 CD93EA  04170      CALL   CURINC      ;
EA49 CD3300  04180      CALL   BYTDIS      ;ELSE DISPLA
Y IT.
                                04190 ;
EA4C C3BF9   04200      ENDASC  JP      DORT      ;PRETEND WAS
RIGHT-ARROW.
                                04210 ;
                                04220 ;
                                04230 ; END OF MAIN PENRAM ROUTINE.
                                04240 ;-----
                                04250 ;
                                04260 ; SUBROUTINES ---
                                04270 ;
                                04280 ; VALHEX TAKES AN ASCII CODE IN A AND CHEC
KS TO SEE IF
                                04290 ; IT IS A VALID HEX CHARACTER (0-F). IF IT
IS NOT,
                                04300 ; VALHEX RETURNS WITH THE CARRY FLAG SET. I
F IT IS A
                                04310 ; HEX VALUE, THE A REGISTER RETURNS WITH T
HAT HEX
                                04320 ; VALUE (0-F) IN IT, AND THE CARRY FLAG RESE
T TO 0.
EA4F 3200E8  04330      VALHEX LD      (KEY),A
EA52 4F      04340      LD      C,A
EA53 3E46     04350      LD      A,'F'
EA55 B9      04360      CP      C
EA56 380F     04370      JR      C,NOTHEX      ;C SET IF CH
AR > F.
EA58 3E2F     04380      LD      A,'/'
EA5A B9      04390      CP      C
EA5B 300A     04400      JR      NC,NOTHEX      ;C SET IF CH
AR > /.
EA5D 3E40     04410      LD      A,'0'
EA5F B9      04420      CP      C
EA60 380A     04430      JR      C,ATHRUF      ;C SET IF CH
AR > 0.
EA62 79      04440      LD      A,C
EA63 FE3A     04450      CP      ':'
EA65 3802     04460      JR      C,ZTHRU9      ;C SET IF CH
AR < :
EA67 37      04470      NOHEX  SCF          ;TO FLAG NOT
-HEX.
EA68 C9      04480      RET
EA69 D630     04490      ZTHRU9 SUB      30H      ;CONVERT TO
HEX.
EA6B C9      04500      RET          ;CARRY WON'T
BE SET FOR
EA6C 3A00E8  04510      ATHRUF LD      A,(KEY)      ; EITHER OF
THESE.
EA6F D637     04520      SUB      37H          ; RETURNS O
N VALID HEX.
EA71 C9      04530      RET
                                04540 ;
                                04550 ;
                                04560 ; SUBROUTINE VALASC TAKES A BYTE IN C AND CH
ECKS TO SEE
                                04570 ; IF IT A PRINTABLE ASCII CHARACTER - EITHER
UPPER OR
                                04580 ; LOWER CASE. IF ALPHANUMERIC IT IS SIMPLY
RETURNED
                                04590 ; IN A, WITH THE CARRY FLAG SET. IF NON-PRI
NTABLE, AN
                                04600 ; UNDERSCORE IS SUBSTITUTED AND THE CARRY FL
AG IS RESET.
EA72 3E7F     04610      VALASC LD      A,7FH
EA74 B9      04620      CP      C
EA75 3805     04630      JR      C,NOTASC      ;HAVE CARRY
IF CHAR > 7F
EA77 3E1F     04640      LD      A,1FH      ;SEE IF ITS
TOO LOW TO
EA79 B9      04650      CP      C          ; BE ASCII.
EA7A 79      04660      LD      A,C
EA7B D8      04670      RET      C          ;RETURN IF P
RINTABLE.
                                04680 ;
EA7C 3E5F     04690      NOTASC LD      A,5FH      ;NOT ASCII.
PUT IN
EA7E A7      04700      AND      A          ; UNDERSCOR
E AND
EA7F C9      04710      RET          ; RESET CAR
RY.
                                04720 ;
                                04730 ;
                                04740 ; FRMBYT LOOKS AT (HL), (HL+1) AND IF THE AS
CII CODES
                                04750 ; THERE ARE BOTH FOR HEX CHAR 0-F, THEN THE
HEX BYTE
                                04760 ; THEY DEFINE IS FORMED IN A AND RETURNED,
WITH THE
                                04770 ; CARRY FLAG RESET TO 0. IF EITHER OF THE A
SCII CHAR
                                04780 ; IS NOT 0-F, THEN A RETURN IS MADE WITH THE
CARRY FLAG
                                04790 ; SET.
EA80 7E      04800      FRMBYT LD      A,(HL)      ;GET FIRST C
HAR.
EA81 CD4FEA  04810      CALL   VALHEX      ;CHECK IT FO
R 0-F.
EA84 D8      04820      RET      C          ;RETURN IF N
OT 0-F.
EA85 5F      04830      LD      E,A          ;WAS 0:F. K
EEP ITS
EA86 2B      04840      DEC      HL          ; VALUE IN
E.

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CHAR.				
EA88 CD4FEA	04860	CALL	VALHEX	;IS IT ALSO
HEX?				
EA8B D8	04870	RET	C	;RETURN IF N
OT.				
EA8C 07	04880	RLCA		;BOTH ARE 0-
F. FORM				
EA8D 07	04890	RLCA		; THE HEX B
YTE IN A.				
EA8E 07	04900	RLCA		
EA8F 07	04910	RLCA		
EA90 E3	04920	OR	E	
EA91 2B	04930	DEC	HL	;PREPARE FOR
NEXT CALL.				
EA92 C9	04940	RET		;RETURN W/HE
X IN A.				
	04950 ;			
	04960 ;			
	04970 ;			
E LOCATION	04980 ;			
	04990 ;			
EA93 2AF9E7	04990	CURINC	LD	HL, (EDCUR)
EA96 23	05000		INC	HL
EA97 222040	05010		LD	(CURPOS), HL
EA9A C9	05020	RET		
	05030 ;			
	05040 ;			
	05050 ;			
E ASCII VALUE	05060 ;			
IT	05070 ;			
FER AT	05080 ;			
K THAT	05090 ;			
ASED, SO THAT	05100 ;			
OF REPEATING	05110 ;			
EA9B CD2B00	05120	KIR	CALL	KI
PRESSED.				
EA9E 57	05130		LD	D, A
EA9F 1E07	05140		LD	E, 7
ZEROS IN				
EAA1 213640	05150		LD	HL, KIBUF
EAA4 AF	05160		XOR	A
EAA5 77	05170	RPT	LD	(HL), A
YTE.				
EAA6 23	05180		INC	HL
EAA7 1D	05190		DEC	E
EAA8 20FB	05200		JR	NZ, RPT
EAAA 7A	05210		LD	A, D
AR.				
EAAB A7	05220		AND	A
ZERO.				
EAAC C9	05230		RET	
	05240 ;			
	05250 ;			
	05260 ;			
UPWARDS.	05270 ;			
CREEN HAS	05280 ;			
Y DECREMENTS	05290 ;			
HE TOP OF	05300 ;			
N ONE, AND	05310 ;			
INTED ON THE	05320 ;			
DDR TO FORM	05330 ;			
E WHETHER THE	05340 ;			
R MOVING UP	05350 ;			
ON AND ADDR	05360 ;			
THE VALUE OF	05370 ;			
THAN WHAT IS	05380 ;			
BOTH ADDR	05390 ;			
D FROM	05400 ;			
HE TOP LEFT	05410 ;			
LINE ARE	05420 ;			
	05430 ;			
	05440 ;			
EAAD 3AFEE7	05450	CURSUP	LD	A, (DWNCUR)
EAB0 A7	05460		AND	A
EAB1 2005	05470		JR	Z, CONTUL
F SCREEN.				
EAB3 3D	05480		DEC	A
DIT CURSOR UP				
EAB4 32FEE7	05490		LD	(DWNCUR), A
TO UPDATE.				
EAB7 C9	05500		RET	
	05510 ;			
EAB8 3A02E8	05520	CONTUL	LD	A, (LSTARW)
SCROLL WAS				
EABB A7	05530		AND	A
OR DOWN.				
EABC 2806	05540		JR	Z, CONTUP
EABE 011001	05550		LD	BC, 272
DR.				
EAC1 CDDAEB	05560		CALL	SADDR
2 FROM IT.				

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EAC4 2AF9E7 05570 ;
RECT HERE. 05580 CONTUP LD HL,(EDCUR) ;ADDR IS COR
EAC7 3680 05590 LD (HL),BLANK ;REMOVE OLD
CURSOR.
EAC9 2AF5E7 05600 LD HL,(ADDR) ;GET ADDR TO
DUMP.
EACC CD55EB 05610 CALL MAKSTR ;MAKE DUMP S
TRING OF IT.
EACF 3E0F 05620 ;
15 LINES 05630 LD A,15 ;SCROLL TOP
EAD1 21803F 05640 LD HL,3F80H ; DOWN, MOV
ING ONLY THE
EAD4 11C03F 05650 LD DE,3FC0H ; LEFT 55 C
HARACTERS.
EAD7 013700 05660 MVLOPS LD BC,37H
EADA EDB0 05670 LDIR
EADC 0189FF 05680 LD BC,-119
EADF 09 05690 ADD HL,BC ;POINT TO NE
XT LINE.
EAE0 EB 05700 EX DE,HL
EAE1 09 05710 ADD HL,BC ;AND WHERE I
T WILL GO.
EAE2 EB 05720 EX DE,HL
EAE3 3D 05730 DEC A
EAE4 20F1 05740 JR NZ,MVLOPS ;BACK IF 15
NOT DONE.
EAE6 21003C 05750 ;
RST LINE. 05760 LD HL,LINE01 ;POINT TO FI
EAE9 222040 05770 LD (CURPOS),HL
EAE0 21B5E7 05780 LD HL,STRPLC
EAEF CDC0EB 05790 CALL OUTSTR ;PRINT DUMP
STRING THERE.
EAF2 011000 05800 ;
DDR, HOMADD. 05810 LD BC,16 ;ADD 16 TO A
EAF5 CDDAEB 05820 CALL SADDR
EAF8 CDE4EB 05830 CALL SHOMAD
EAFB AF 05840 XOR A ;NOTE SCROLL
CAUSED BY
EAPC 3202E8 05850 LD (LSTARW),A ; UP-ARROW.
EAFP C9 05860 RET
05870 ;
05880 ;
05890 ; CURSDN IS THE MIRROR IMAGE OF CURSUP IN TH
AT ALL
SOR IS
OTTOM OF
ED UP AND
N THE
OLL WAS DUE
NOTHER DOWN-
S BEYOND THE
ADD IS
ED IN THE
EB00 3APEE7 06000 CURSDN LD A,(DWNCR)
EB03 FE0F 06010 CP 15
EB05 2805 06020 JR Z,CONTD1 ;GO IF BOTTO
M OF SCREEN.
EB07 3C 06030 INC A ;ELSE MOVE E
DCURSOR DOWN.
EB08 32FEE7 06040 LD (DWNCR),A ;AND RETURN
TO UPDATE.
EB0B C9 06050 RET
EB0C 3A02E8 06060 ;
SCROLL WAS 06070 CONTD1 LD A,(LSTARW) ;SEE IF LAST
OR UP.
EB0F A7 06080 AND A ;DUE TO CURS
OR UP.
EB10 2006 06090 JR NZ,CONTD2 ;GO IF NOT.
EB12 011001 06100 LD BC,272 ;MUST FIX AD
DR.
EB15 CDCAEB 06110 CALL AADDR ;ADD 272 TO
IT.
EB18 2AF9E7 06120 ;
RECT HERE. 06130 CONTD2 LD HL,(EDCUR) ;ADDR IS COR
EB1B 3680 06140 LD (HL),BLANK ;REMOVE OLD
CURSOR.
EB1D 2AF5E7 06150 LD HL,(ADDR) ;GET ADDR TO
DUMP.
EB20 CD55EB 06160 CALL MAKSTR ;MAKE DUMP S
TRING OF IT.
EB23 3E0F 06170 ;
OM 15 LINES 06180 LD A,15 ;SCROLL BOTT
EB25 21403C 06190 LD HL,3C40H ; UP, MOVIN
G ONLY THE
EB28 11003C 06200 LD DE,3C00H ; LEFT 55 C
HARACTERS.
EB2B 013700 06210 MVLOPA LD BC,37H
EB2E EDB0 06220 LDIR
EB30 010900 06230 LD BC,9
EB33 09 06240 ADD HL,BC ;POINT TO NE
XT LINE.
EB34 EB 06250 EX DE,HL
EB35 09 06260 ADD HL,BC ;AND WHERE I
T WILL GO.
EB36 EB 06270 EX DE,HL
EB37 3D 06280 DEC A
EB38 20F1 06290 JR NZ,MVLOPA ;BACK IF 15

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EB3A 21C03F 06300 ; LD HL,LINE16 ;POINT TO LA
ST LINE. 06310 LD (CURPOS),HL
EB3D 222040 06320 LD HL,STRPLC
EB40 21B5E7 06330 CALL OUTSTR ;PRINT DUMP
EB43 CDC0EB 06340 LD BC,16 ;SUB 16 FROM
STRING THERE. 06350 LD A,1 ;NOTE SCROLL
EB46 011000 06360 CALL AADDR
ADDR, HOMADD 06370 CALL AHOMAD
EB49 CDCAEB 06380 LD A,1 ;NOTE SCROLL
EB4C CDD2EB 06390 LD (LSTARW),A ; DOWN-ARRO
EB4F 3E01 06400 RET
EB51 3202E8 06410 ;
W. 06420 ;
EB54 C9 06430 ; SUBROUTINE MAKSTR EXPECTS TO RECEIVE AN AD
DRESS IN HL. 06440 ; IT FORMS THIS ADDRESS AND THE 16 BYTES OF
DATA STARTING 06450 ; THERE INTO AN ASCII STRING AT STRPLC . I
F THE TYPE OF 06460 ; DUMP REQUIRED IS HEX, THEN EACH CHARACTER
BLOCK (THERE 06470 ; ARE 16 OF THESE AFTER THE ADDRESS STRING)
WILL CONTAIN 06480 ; THE ASCII REPRESENTATION OF THE BYTE IN ME
MORY. IF THE 06490 ; TYPE OF DUMP IS ASCII, THEN EACH BLOCK WIL
L SIMPLY 06500 ; CONTAIN THE ASCII CODE OF THE BYTE IN MEMO
RY. SPACES 06510 ; ARE ADDED SO THAT EITHER WAY EACH CHARACTE
R BLOCK TAKES 06520 ; UP THREE POSITIONS. A TOTAL OF 64 BYTES I
S REQUIRED TO 06530 ; HOLD THIS STRING AND ITS '03' TERMINATOR.
EB55 E5 06540 MAKSTR PUSH HL ;SAVE ADDRESS
S. 06550 PUSH HL
EB56 E5 06560 POP IX ;PUT IT IN I
X. 06570 POP BC ;GET MSBYTE
EB59 C1 06580 LD HL,STRPLC+3 ;LAST DIGIT
OF ADDRESS. 06590 CALL BSTRNG ;BC INTO ASC
EB5A 21B8E7 06600 ; LD HL,STRPLC+4 ;POINT AFTER
OF ADDRESS. 06610 LD (HL),':' ;PUT : AFTER
EB5D CD98EB 06620 LD (HL),':' ;PUT SPACE A
II AT HL- . 06630 INC HL
EB60 21B9E7 06640 LD (HL),':' ;PUT SPACE A
ADDRESS. 06650 ;
EB63 363A 06660 INC HL ;POINTS TO 1
ADDRESS. 06670 LD B,16 ;WILL DO 16
EB65 23 06680 CHRBLK LD (HL),' ' ;EACH START
EB66 3620 06690 INC HL ;GET BYTE AT
FTER ADDRESS. 06700 LD C,(IX+0)
EB68 23 06710 LD A,(HATYPE) ;CHECK DUMP
ST CHAR. BLK. 06720 AND A
EB69 0610 06730 JR NZ,ACHAR ;GO IF ASCII
CHAR. BLOCKS. 06740 CALL ASCII ;HEX DUMP RE
EB6B 3620 06750 LD (HL),D ;FIRST DIGIT
WITH BLANK. 06760 INC HL ;SECOND DIGI
EB6D 23 06770 LD (HL),E
EB6E DD4E00 06780 JR CHRDN ;ONE BLOCK D
ADDRESS. 06790 ;
EB71 3AFFE7 06800 ACHAR CALL VALASC ;ASCII DUMP.
TYPE. 06810 LD (HL),A ;PUT FINAL C
EB74 A7 06820 INC HL ;FOLLOW WITH
EB75 2008 06830 LD (HL),':'
DUMP. 06840 ;
EB77 CDA7EB 06850 CHRDN INC IX ;DONE WITH C
Q'D. 06860 INC HL ;POINT TO ST
EB7A 72 06870 DJNZ CHRBLK ;DO NEXT ONE
OF BYTE. 06880 ;
EB7B 23 06890 LD (HL),0AAH ;ONE CHAR. F
EB7C 73 06900 INC HL ;EIGHT CURSO
T OF BYTE. 06910 LD B,8
EB7D 1897 06920 TRALER LD (HL),19H ; END RESUL
ONE. 06930 INC HL ; PRINTING
EB7F CD72EA 06940 DJNZ TRALER ; LINE MINU
CHECK CHAR. 06950 ;
EB82 77 06960 LD (HL),03H ;TERMINATOR
HAR IN STRING 06970 RET ;END OF MAK
EB83 23 06980
EB84 3620 06990
BLANK. 06800 ;
EB86 DD23 06850 CHRDN INC IX ;DONE WITH C
HAR. BLOCK. 06860 INC HL ;POINT TO ST
EB88 23 06870 DJNZ CHRBLK ;DO NEXT ONE
ART NEXT BLK. 06880 ;
EB89 10E0 06890 LD (HL),0AAH ;ONE CHAR. F
OR BORDER. 06900 INC HL ;EIGHT CURSO
EB8D 23 06910 LD B,8 ;EIGHT CURSO
EB8E 0608 06920 TRALER LD (HL),19H ; END RESUL
R-ADVANCES AT 06930 INC HL ; PRINTING
EB90 3619 06940 DJNZ TRALER ; LINE MINU
T IN STRING 06950 ;
EB92 23 06960 LD (HL),03H ;TERMINATOR
TO END OF 06970 RET ;END OF MAK
EB93 10FB 06980
S ONE. 06990
EB95 3603 06900 LD (HL),03H ;TERMINATOR
OF STRING. 06910 RET ;END OF MAK
EB97 C9 06920
TR. 06930

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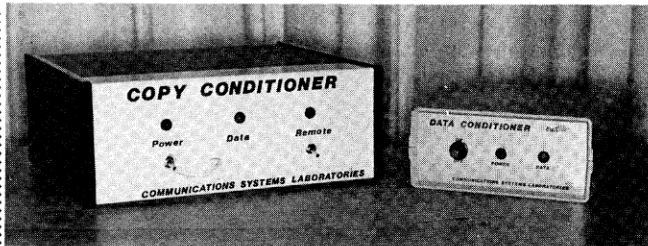
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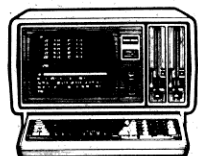
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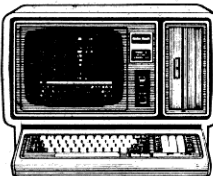
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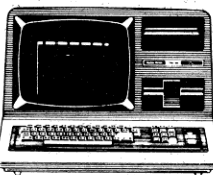


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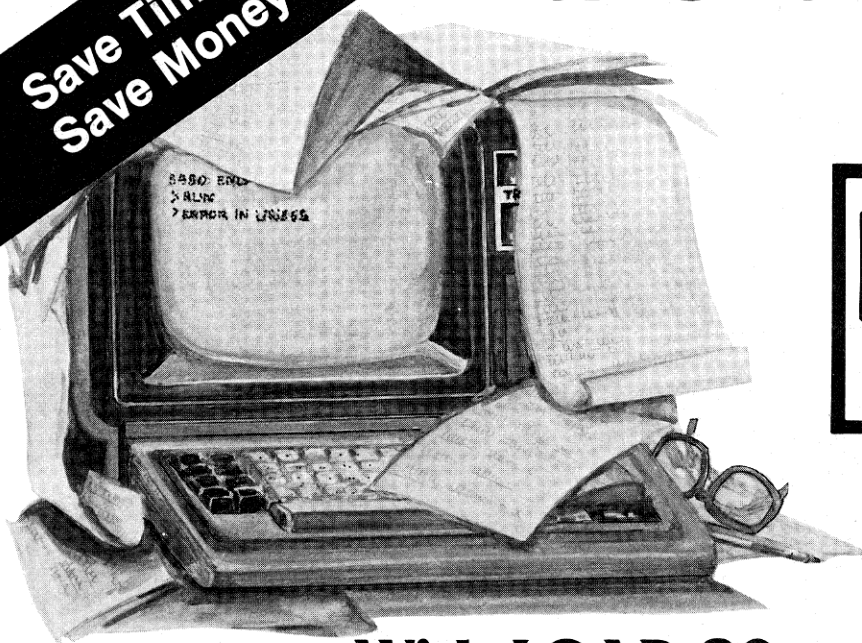
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06980 ;
06990 ;
07000 ; SUBROUTINE BSTRNG CONVERTS THE TWO BYTES I
N BC INTO AN
07010 ; ASCII STRING OF FOUR HEX DIGITS WHICH IT L
OADS INTO
07020 ; HL-3, HL-2, HL-1, HL.
EB98 CDA7EB 07030 BSTRNG CALL ASCII ;CONVERT BYT
E IN C.
EB9B 73 07040 LD (HL),E
EB9C 2B 07050 DEC HL
EB9D 72 07060 LD (HL),D
EB9E 2B 07070 DEC HL
EB9F 48 07080 LD C,B ;NOW CONVERT
B.
EBA0 CDA7EB 07090 CALL ASCII
EBA3 73 07100 LD (HL),E
EBA4 2B 07110 DEC HL
EBA5 72 07120 LD (HL),D
EBA6 C9 07130 RET
07140 ;
07150 ;
07160 ; SUBROUTINE ASCII TAKES A BYTE IN C AND RET
URNS, IN DE,
07170 ; THE ASCII CODES REPRESENTING ITS TWO DIGIT
S.
EBA7 79 07180 ASCII LD A,C
EBA8 CDB6EB 07190 CALL SBRASC ;DO FIRST 4
BITS.
EBAB 5F 07200 LD E,A
EBAC 79 07210 LD A,C
EBAD 0F 07220 RRCA ;BRING NEXT
4 OVER.
EBAE 0F 07230 RRCA
EBAF 0F 07240 RRCA
EBB0 0F 07250 RRCA
EBB1 CDB6EB 07260 CALL SBRASC ;CONVERT THE
M TOO.
EBB4 57 07270 LD D,A
EBB5 C9 07280 RET
07290 ;
EBB6 E60F 07300 SBRASC AND 0FH ;CHANGE LOWE
R 4 BITS OF
EBB8 F630 07310 OR 30H ; A TO ASCI
I BYTE.
EBBA FE3A 07320 CP 3AH
EBBC D8 07330 RET C
EBBD C607 07340 ADD A,07
EBBF C9 07350 RET
07360 ;
07370 ;
07380 ; SUBROUTINE OUTSTR CALLS BYTDIS TO PRINT A
STRING
07390 ; POINTED TO BY HL AT THE CURRENT CURSOR POS
ITION.
07400 ; IT RECOGNIZES 00, 01, 02, OR 03 AS A TERMI
NATOR.
EBC0 7E 07410 OUTSTR LD A,(HL) ;GET CHAR. F
ROM STRING.
EBC1 FE04 07420 CP 04 ;ONE OF THE
TERMINATORS?
EBC3 D8 07430 RET C ;RETURN IF S
O (0-3).
EBC4 CD3300 07440 CALL BYTDIS ;ELSE PRINT
IT.
EBC7 23 07450 INC HL
EBC8 18F6 07460 JR OUTSTR ;GO DO NEXT
BYTE.
07470 ;
07480 ;
07490 ; AADDR - A UTILITY THAT ADDS BC TO ADDR.
EBCA 2AF5E7 07500 AADDR LD HL,(ADDR)
EBCD 09 07510 ADD HL,BC
EBCE 22F5E7 07520 LD (ADDR),HL
EBD1 C9 07530 RET
07540 ;
07550 ;
07560 ; AHOMAD - A UTILITY THAT ADDS BC TO HOMADD.
EBD2 2AF7E7 07570 AHOMAD LD HL,(HOMADD)
EBD5 09 07580 ADD HL,BC
EBD6 22F7E7 07590 LD (HOMADD),HL
EBD9 C9 07600 RET
07610 ;
07620 ;
07630 ; SADDR - A UTILITY THAT SUBTRACTS BC FROM A
DDR.
EBDA 2AF5E7 07640 SADDR LD HL,(ADDR)
EBDD AF 07650 XOR A
EBDE ED42 07660 SBC HL,BC
EBE0 22F5E7 07670 LD (ADDR),HL
EBE3 C9 07680 RET
07690 ;
07700 ;
07710 ; SHOMAD - A UTILITY THAT SUBTRACTS BC FROM
HOMADD.
EBE4 2AF7E7 07720 SHOMAD LD HL,(HOMADD)
EBE7 AF 07730 XOR A
EBE8 ED42 07740 SBC HL,BC
EBEA 22F7E7 07750 LD (HOMADD),HL
EBED C9 07760 RET
07770 ;
07780 ;
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07790 ; MESSAGES
07800 ;
EBEE 41 07810 INMSG DEFB 'ADDRESS?'
EBF6 03 07820 DEFB 03
07830 ;
EBF7 2D 07840 PENMSG DEFB '-PENRAM-'
EBFF 03 07850 DEFB 03
07860 ;
07870 ;
07880 ;
E7B3 07880 END STARTP
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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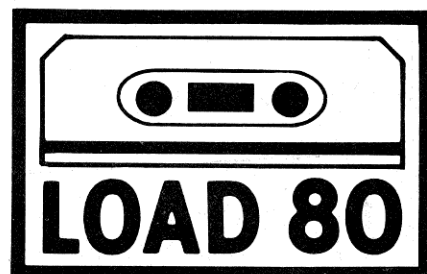
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Repairing a Disk Crash

by Philip Martel

One of my disks failed recently, but I was lucky. I managed to recover everything on it. This article describes the methods I used to get my programs back.

When a disk fails, one or more of the sectors are bad. A bad sector can be in a program or in the directory. If the fault is in a program, you will get an I/O error while trying to load that particular program. If the fault is in the directory, you won't be able to load all your programs, and you might not be able to read the directory.

In either case, try to back up the disk. If that doesn't work, load Program Listing 2 if you have two disk drives, or Program Listing 3 if you only have one drive.

These programs perform the back-up function from Basic, but use the machine-language disk calls described on page 60 of the Color Computer Disk System manual. The advantage to this, as opposed to using the Basic commands DSKI\$ and DSKO\$, is that if a bad sector is read, the machine-language call will return an error code but continue running. The Basic commands will cause the program to stop with an I/O error.

I originally used Program Listing 1 to back up the bad disk. It uses DSKI\$ and DSKO\$. When I got an error, I had to modify the program to start again after the bad sector. Program Listing 2 will back up the disk and write anything recovered onto the new disk. If nothing remains of a given sector, it will not be

If a disk crashes, you could lose several programs. Save them with the steps outlined here.

written onto the new disk. When the program is running, note the bad tracks and sectors, along with the error codes.

You now have a disk with all the good sectors on it. The sectors that were totally bad on your original disk are filled with FF (255) from when the back-up disk was initialized.

Now comes the interesting part. Read the description of how data is organized on the disk (pages 58 and 59 of the disk-system manual). Assuming that it was a single file that crashed rather than the directory, you can use Colorzap and the granule map from the article "Gobs of Goodies for Your Color Computer Disk" by Robert Nicholas and myself (80 Micro, Feb. 1983), to determine which granule the bad sector is in and to examine the surrounding sectors.

How you proceed from here depends on what the lost data was and whether you were able to recover the sector. If you were able to recover the sector, looking at it with Colorzap might show you one or two bad bytes. You might be able to fix them from context, especially if the data was part of a Basic program.

If you look through Basic programs

with Colorzap, you will notice a certain pattern to the bytes. By playing with Colorzap you should spot the different types of programs very readily. Getting familiar with your tools ahead of time pays off.

If the sector is part of a machine-language program or a file with a lot of random data, you might not be able to fix bad bytes. However, with a dissassembler (and perseverance) you might be able to fix a few bad bytes in a machine-language program.

If a whole sector is lost out of a data file or machine-language program, you're stuck. You can't recover the data in a Basic program, either. But if you have a listing of the program, you should be able to fix the disk by using Colorzap and by spending ten minutes typing.

Load the Basic program and list it on the screen. There will be a line with a lot of exclamation points in it. The line number might not be in sequence. Note the last line number that is in sequence (the bad line or the one before it). Write this number down in hexadecimal (PRINT HEX\$(your line number)). Now run Colorzap.

If the bad line has a line number that is still in sequence (a good line number) modify the bad sector on the disk as follows: Change the first six bytes to 00 01 01 ## ## 82, where ## ## is the hexadecimal representation of the number one greater than the line number you noted. Save these changes onto disk and change the first six bytes on the next Colorzap page (bytes 80-86) to 00 01 01 ## ## 82 where the ## ## is the hex-

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100 'QUICK AND DIRTY BACKUP PROGRAM FOR THE COLOR COMPUTER
110 'BY PHIL MARTEL
120 CLEAR 500
130 FOR TR= 0 TO 34
140 FOR SC = 1 TO 18
150 ! 0,TR,SC,A$,B$
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160 ! 1,TR,SC,A$,B$
170 NEXT SC
180 NEXT TR
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Program Listing 1

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adecimal representation for the next larger line number. Save these changes and load your program.

If the last good line number was 1000, you will have a program with lines 1000, 1001, and 1002. Lines 1001 and 1002 will be remarks with lots of exclamation points in them. You can now delete these lines and type in the correct ones from your listing. Save the program and you're in business.

Now suppose the first bad line has a bad line number, or a number out of sequence—65535, for example. In this case, patch the bad line number and then put in a new line at byte 80 (hex) of the bad sector. The theory behind this step should help you see how to do it:

The Color Computer normally stores the lines of a Basic program in memory, on tape, or on disk in the same way: Two bytes of pointer to the next line, two bytes for the line number, the line in tokenized form, and a 00 byte to end the line. In memory, the pointer to the next line is meaningful. It indicates the address at which the next line begins. On tape or disk, the pointer is not meaningful, except that 0000 as a pointer means the end of the program.

Tokenized form means that key words such as For, Next, and If and functions such as EXP, SIN, and STRING\$ are stored in a packed form. One byte is used for keywords and two bytes for functions. This tokenized form makes Basic programs easy to recognize on disk.

If you look back at the description for patching a line with a bad line number, you will see that it finishes the old line (00), puts in a dummy pointer (01 01) and a line number (## ##), and then an 82, which is the token for REM. A Basic program line shouldn't be over 255 characters long, and adding the extra line at byte 80 prevents this.

The only other situations that might occur are if the bad sector is the first or last sector of the file. If it's the last sector, just put 00 00 00 at the start of the sector. If it's the first sector, the situation is a bit more complicated. The first byte is FF, and the next two bytes are the length of the program plus one. The length of the program can be found by determining the number of grans, the number of sectors in the last gran, and the number of bytes in the last sector.

This information is available on the directory track. Find the number of bytes in the last sector and the number of the first granule in the directory. Then look in the file allocation table (FAT) to find the total number of granules and the number of sectors in

the last granule. To find the number of granules, you have to trace a path something like this: "I'm starting at gran 20. Byte 20 in the FAT has 1C. Byte 1C has C3. That means that this file has one full granule (20) and three sectors of another (1C)."

Each sector has 256 bytes and each granule has nine sectors. Load the bad first sector with FF, the number of bytes in the program (+ 1), and the usual two dummy lines. Give the dummy lines the line numbers 1 and 2, and you should be able to load the program and fix it with

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100 'DISC CHECK AND BACKUP PROGRAM
110 'FOR COLOR COMPUTER WITH TWO DISCS
120 ' BY PHIL MARTEL
130 CLEAR 500,&H3E00
140 DEF FNP(X)=256*PEEK(X)+PEEK(X+1)
150 INPUT"(C)HECK OR (D)UPLICATE";A$:A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF (A$<>"C")
    AND(A$<>"D") THEN 150
160 DEF USR0=FNP(&HC004)' DSKCON -SEE MANUAL PAGE 60
170 PA=FNP(&HC006)' PA POINTS TO THE DSKCON PARAMETER TABLE
180 POKE PA+4,&H3E:POKE PA+5,0'SET UP BUFFER
190 FOR TR=0TO34
200 FOR SE=1TO18
210 POKE PA,2:POK EPA+1,0'READ FROM DRIVE 0
220 POKE PA+2,TR:POKE PA+3,SE
230 POKE PA+6,0
240 X=USR0(0)
250 EC=PEEK(PA+6):PRINT@480,TR;SE;EC;
260 IF EC<>0 THEN PRINT" ERROR"
270 IF A$="C" THEN 310
280 IF EC=16 THEN FORI=&H3E00 TO &H3EFF:POKE I,255:NEXT I'REALLY
    BAD RECORD-CLEAR IT
290 POKE PA+6,0:POKE PA,3:POKE PA+1,1'SET UP TO WRITE TO DRIVE 1
300 X=USR0(0)
310 NEXT SE,TR

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Program Listing 2

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100 'DISC CHECK AND BACKUP PROGRAM
110 'FOR COLOR COMPUTER WITH ONE DISC
120 ' BY PHIL MARTEL
130 CLS:PMODE 0,1:PCLEAR 1:CLEAR 100,&H1C00
140 DEF FNP(X)=256*PEEK(X)+PEEK(X+1)
150 INPUT"(C)HECK OR (D)UPLICATE";A$:A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF (A$<>"C")
    AND(A$<>"D") THEN 150
160 DEF USR0=FNP(&HC004)' DSKCON -SEE MANUAL PAGE 60
170 PA=FNP(&HC006)' PA POINTS TO THE DSKCON PARAMETER TABLE
180 POKE PA+5,0'SET UP BUFFER
190 FOR T1=0TO34 STEP2
195 FOR T2= 0 TO 1 :TR=T1+T2 :IF TR=35 THEN 290
200 FOR SE=1TO18
205 BA=18*(TR AND 1)+SE+27:POKE PA+4,BA'BUFFER ADDRESS
210 POKE PA,2:POKE PA+1,0'READ FROM DRIVE 0
220 POKEPA+2,TR:POKEPA+3,SE
230 POKE PA+6,0
240 X=USR0(0)
250 EC=PEEK(PA+6):PRINT@480,TR;SE;EC;
260 IF EC<>0 THEN PRINT" ERROR"
280 IF EC=16 THEN FOR I=BA TO BA+255:POKE I,255:NEXT I'REALLY BA
    D RECORD-CLEAR IT
285 NEXT SE
290 NEXT T2
300 IF A$="C" THEN 500
310 PRINT@0,"INSERT DESTINATION DISC, HIT ENTER";:SOUND200,20
315 GOSUB 600
320 FOR T2=0 TO 1: TR=T1+T2 :IF TR=35 THEN 385
330 FOR SE= 1 TO 18
340 POKE PA+4,18*T2 +SE +27' SET UP BUFFER
350 POKE PA,3:POKE PA+2,TR:POKE PA+3,SE
360 POKE PA+6,0: X=USR0(0)'WRITE BUFFER
370 IF PEEK (PA+6)<>0 THEN PRINT"DISC WRITE ERROR HIT ENTER TO T
    RY AGAIN":GOSUB 600 :GOTO340
380 NEXT SE
385 NEXT T2
390 PRINT@0,"INSERT SOURCE DISC, HIT ENTER";:SOUND150,2
    0
400 GOSUB 600
500 NEXT T1
510 END
599 'SUBROUTINE TO WAIT FOR ENTER
600 BS=INKEY$: IF BS=""THEN 600
610 IF ASC(BS)<>13 THEN 600
630 RETURN

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Program Listing 3

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Bad Directory

Having a bad directory segment is frustrating. All your programs are there, but you can't get at them. Having the directory go bad is at least as likely to happen as having an individual program go bad, because when you access a program, you are also accessing the directory. So, the directory gets at least as much use and has the same chance for random failure as all the programs together.

When my disk crashed, I lost the file allocation table and one of the other directory sectors. I backed up the disk with Program Listing 1. When the program gave me an I/O error, I changed the For statement in line 130 to copy the rest of the disk. Then I changed the program so that it ran only on the bad track, but past the bad sector. In this fashion, I copied the whole disk. I found that on track 17, sectors 2 and 5 were bad.

I started to fill in the file allocation table by what amounts to cryptanalysis. I knew the starting granule of all programs except those that were lost with sector 5. By looking at the first sector of the starting granule, I could tell how long the program was. If it was less than a full granule, I could assign that byte in the file allocation table the value C1 to C9 as appropriate.

If the file was longer than one granule, I looked at the last line number in the granule (assuming it was a Basic program) and searched for a granule that started with a larger line number that might be a continuation of the pro-

gram. After I had reconstructed most of the file allocation table in this fashion, I used a machine-language program to read the bad sectors.

I wrote a short program using the Sigmon monitor, which has a one-line assembly feature. Here's where I got lucky. This program showed that the file allocation table (Tr 17, Sec 2) was still there, but had a CRC error. I was able to read the data, patch a bad byte and recover the file allocation table.

Since I had almost restored the whole table by hand, I wasn't too thrilled by this. I did notice that bytes 68 to 255, which the manual claims are zeroes, seemed to have data on recent additions to the directory. Since the other bad sector (Tr 17, Sec 5), which could not be recovered by the machine-language program, was at the end of the directory at the time, I was able to recover almost the entire directory.

You might have noticed that I have not provided a listing of this marvelous machine-language program. Program Listings 2 and 3 do the same thing entirely from Basic, so the listing is not necessary.

If the bad sector in the directory is not recoverable by using Program Listings 2 and 3, and it was not the most recently updated, then you have problems. You can get some idea of where the programs referred to in the bad sector are stored by writing a table with 68 rows, one for each granule on the disk. Go through the directory and write the name of each program on the line with its starting granule. Then look at the file allocation table and write down the sequence of granules associated with each

granule.

Every granule has associated with it either an FF, a C1-C9, or 00-44 (hex). If the granule points to another one (that is, its number in the file allocation table is 00-44) write that granule number and any granules it points to in the row following the first granule. Cross out rows as you write them out as successors to other granules. You will develop a set of "chains" of granules. Most of these will have a program name associated with them.

The chains that don't have program names are the ones that were named in the bad sector. Look at the files. You might be able to remember the names of some of them. Give new names to the rest.

As you look through the files, determine how many bytes in the last sector are used by looking for 00 00 00, for Basic files, or by working from the byte-length information in machine-language and data files.

You now have the information needed to restore the bad sector. Go into Colorzap, patch the segment, and you're back in business.

While working on this article, I had another disk failure. Since I had the disk backed up this time, I didn't worry about it. I decided to try some of the ideas I had been developing.

I found that I couldn't read any of the disk reliably with Program Listing 1 which had worked so well the first time. The disk did not seem to be physically damaged, so I bulk-erased it and ran the DSKINI command. When DSKINI didn't work, I knew I had a problem. Since it didn't work for a good blank disk on either of my disk drives, I decided that the problem was in the controller.

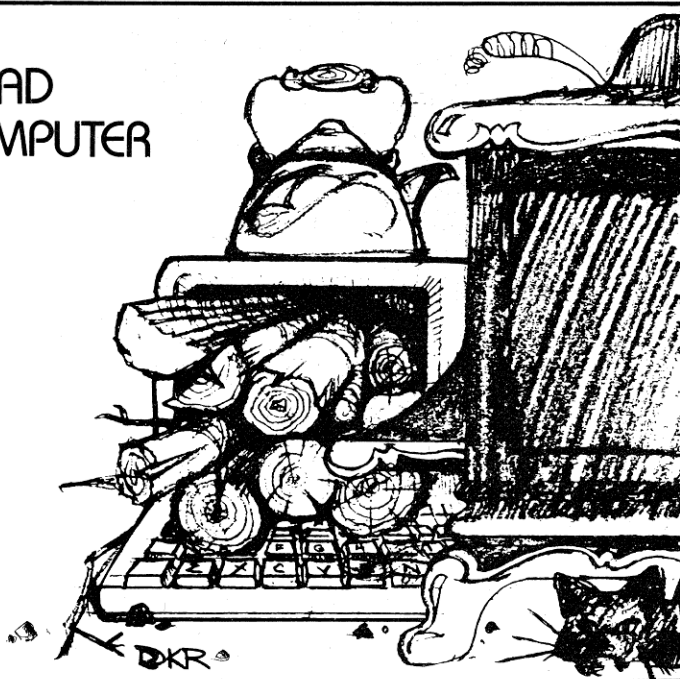
I removed the controller from the Color Computer and rubbed the contacts on both sides of the board with an eraser. This allowed me to initialize the disks. To avoid further problems from oxidation, I have had the contacts plated.

I hope you have fewer problems with your disk drive than I have had with mine. The sort of trouble a disk crash causes can be a great learning experience, but it does cut down on your programming time. Since I got the finger connectors of my controller plated, I haven't had any trouble with the disk drives. ■

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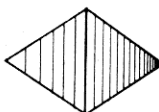
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Discipline for the DIR Command

by Gerry Schechter

Confused by the order your Color Computer prints the directory? This utility makes your directory look the way you want it to.

Disk storage versus tape storage is like comparing Cadillacs and Pintos. But disks, in spite of their advantages, can be troublesome. Trying to read those disk directory file names as they scroll off the top of the screen at Mach 2 speeds can cause your eyeballs to pound dents into your frontal lobes. What disk

users need is a utility to clean up those directory displays.

After I bought my Radio Shack Color Computer Disk System and packed one disk with as many programs as I could, I discovered the DIR command displays file names and other information in an order that I haven't yet

figured out. It also scrolls information off the screen if there are more than 14 files on the disk. The manual states that you can press the shift and @ keys to stop the display, but once it's off the screen you'll have to type in the command again.

It didn't take long to realize that I would have to write a program to eliminate the problem. To their credit, Radio Shack included enough technical information in the manual to allow me to write this program.

Once I wrote the program I enhanced it by allowing you to run, load or kill any file directly from the screen. I also added a print function to allow easy documentation of the files for any given disk.

Program Listing

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10 ' DIRUTIL/BAS VER 1.0
20 ' GERRY SCHECHTER
30 ' 75 MIDLAND TERRACE
40 ' YONKERS NY 10704
50 ' FEB 82
60 CLEAR1200
70 GOSUB720
80 DIM F$(68),E$(68),T$(68),M$(68),G(68)
90 NF=0:SE=3
100 ' get default drive #
110 D=PEEK(&H95A)
120 PRINT@263,"READING DIRECTORY";
130 ' read directory
140 DSKI$ D,17,SE,AS,BS
150 CS=AS+LEFT$(BS,127)
160 FOR X=0TO7
170 Z=X*32
180 IF MID$(CS,Z+1,1)=CHR$(0) THEN NF=NF-1:GOTO250
190 IF MID$(CS,Z+1,1)=CHR$(255) GOTO280
200 F$(NF)=MID$(CS,Z+1,8)
210 E$(NF)=MID$(CS,Z+9,3)
220 IF MID$(CS,Z+12,1)=CHR$(0) THEN T$(NF)="BP" ELSE IF MID$(CS,
Z+12,1)=CHR$(1) THEN T$(NF)="BD" ELSE IF MID$(CS,Z+12,1)=CHR$(2)
THEN T$(NF)="ML" ELSE T$(NF)="TE"
230 IF MID$(CS,Z+13,1)=CHR$(0) THEN M$(NF)="B" ELSE M$(NF)="A"
240 G(NF)=ASC(MID$(CS,Z+14,1))
250 NF=NF+1:NEXT X
260 SE=SE+1
270 IF SE<12 GOTO140
280 NF=NF-1:F$(NF+1)=CHR$(255)
290 ' read file allocation table
300 DSKI$ D,17,2,AS,BS
310 ' calculate granules
320 FOR X=0TONF
330 Y=1
340 IF MID$(AS,G(X)+1,1)>HEX$(191) THEN G(X)=Y:GOTO400
350 Y1=G(X)+1
360 Y=Y+1
370 Y1=ASC(MID$(AS,Y1,1))+1
380 IF MID$(AS,Y1,1)>HEX$(191) THEN G(X)=Y:GOTO400
390 GOTO360
400 NEXT X
410 ' sort by filename & ext
420 PRINT@263,"SORT";
430 Y=0:Y1=1:X=0
440 IF F$(Y1)>F$(Y) OR (F$(Y1)=F$(Y) AND E$(Y1)>E$(Y)) GOTO510
450 F$(68)=F$(Y):E$(68)=E$(Y)
460 T$(68)=T$(Y):M$(68)=M$(Y):G(68)=G(Y)
470 F$(Y)=F$(Y1):E$(Y)=E$(Y1)
480 T$(Y)=T$(Y1):M$(Y)=M$(Y1):G(Y)=G(Y1)
490 F$(Y1)=F$(68):E$(Y1)=E$(68)
500 T$(Y1)=T$(68):M$(Y1)=M$(68):G(Y1)=G(68):X=1
510 Y=Y+1:Y1=Y+1
520 IF Y<NF GOTO440
530 IF X=1 GOTO430
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Listing continues

How the Program Works

Load and run the program; the screen clears and displays a skeleton screen with headings at the top and commands at the bottom. The middle of the screen shows "Reading Directory." The disk directory is read directly using the DSKI\$ command and stores all relevant information into arrays. The file allocation table is read to calculate the number of granules used by each file. Next, the middle of the screen changes to read "Sorting Directory," at which point the program performs an alphanumeric sort based on file name and extension. Finally, the screen fills with the information for the first 10 files, and a pointer (->) is displayed to the left of the first file. The pointer indicates the file on which the commands will be acted.

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540 FB=0;Y=128
550 GOSUB660
560 ' wait for keyboard input
570 IS="":IS=INKEY$:IF IS="" GOTO570
580 IF IS="D" THEN GOSUB780:GOTO570
590 IF IS="U" THEN GOSUB830:GOTO570
600 IF IS="F" THEN GOSUB880:GOTO570
610 IF IS="B" THEN GOSUB930:GOTO570
620 IF IS="R" OR IS="L" OR IS="K" THEN GOSUB980:GOTO570
630 IF IS="P" THEN GOSUB1100:GOTO570
640 GOTO570
650 ' fill screen
660 GOSUB720:Z=0
670 IF FB+9>NF THEN FE=NF ELSE FE=FB+9
680 FOR X=FB TOFE
690 PRINT@130+Z*32,F$(X); " ";E$(X); " ";T$(X); " ";M$(X); "
";G(X);
700 Z=Z+1:NEXT X
710 PRINT@Y,"->";:RETURN
720 CLS
730 PRINT@1,"*** DIRECTORY LIST UTILITY ***";
740 PRINT@66,"FILENAME EXT TYPE FMT GRN";
750 PRINT@481,"RUN-LOAD-KIL-FWD-BWD-UP-DO-PRT";
760 RETURN
770 ' move pointer down
780 IF Y+32>416 OR Y+32=>128+Z*32 THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
790 Y=Y+32
800 PRINT@Y,"->";:PRINT@Y-32," ";
810 SOUND130,1:RETURN
820 ' move pointer up
830 IF Y-32<128 THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
840 Y=Y-32
850 PRINT@Y,"->";:PRINT@Y+32," ";
860 SOUND130,1:RETURN
870 ' scroll forward
880 IF FE=NF THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
890 FB=FB+10:Y=128
900 GOSUB660
910 SOUND130,1:RETURN
920 ' scroll backward
930 IF FB=0 THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
940 FB=FB-10:Y=128
950 GOSUB660
960 SOUND130,1:RETURN
970 ' load-run-kill
980 X=FB+(Y-128)/32
990 IF G(X)=0 THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
1000 IF T$(X)="ML" AND IS="R" THEN SOUND120,3:RETURN
1010 AS=F$(X)+"/"+E$(X)
1020 IF IS="L" THEN CLS:PRINT:PRINT" LOADING..";AS:IF T$(X)="ML"
THEN LOADM AS ELSE LOAD AS
1030 IF IS="R" THEN CLS:PRINT:PRINT" LOADING..";AS;","R":LOAD AS,
R
1040 PRINT@Y+16,"VERIFY KILL Y/N";
1050 IS=INKEY$:IF IS="" GOTO1050
1060 IF IS="Y" THEN KILL AS:T$(X)="***":M$(X)="***":G(X)=0
1070 PRINT@Y+16," ";T$(X); " ";M$(X); " ";G(X); " ";
1080 RETURN
1090 ' print directory
1100 SOUND130,1
1110 AS=STRING$(5," ");:PRINT@Y," ";
1120 PRINT#-2
1130 PRINT#-2,AS; "*** DIRECTORY LIST UTILITY ***"
1140 PRINT#-2
1150 PRINT#-2,AS;"FILENAME EXT TYPE FMT GRAN"
1160 PRINT#-2
1170 FOR X=0TONF
1180 PRINT#-2,AS;F$(X); " ";E$(X); " ";T$(X); " ";M$(X); "
";G(X)
1190 NEXT X
1200 PRINT@Y,"->";:RETURN

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Using the Program

Once the screen fills and the pointer appears, the following commands (using INKEY\$) are available:

D—move pointer down one line
 U—move pointer up one line
 F—display next group of files
 B—display previous group of files
 R—load and run file
 L—load file
 K—kill file (requires a Y/N verification)
 P—print entire directory

All commands produce an audible response when you press any valid command key. Hitting an invalid command key, such as trying to load a killed file, also produces an audible response.

Modifications

All the comments in the program were added after I thoroughly tested it, and they precede the lines they describe. You can save typing time without worrying about UL errors.

Since I have only one disk drive, the program will not format the directory of more than one disk at a time. The program uses the default drive number, which you can change with the Drive command, or you can modify it to handle more than one drive at a time.

I've modified all my programs by replacing all End statements with a Load and Run of this program to allow me to work directly from the screen. ■

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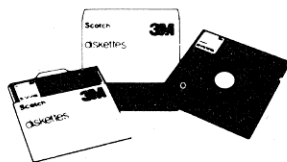
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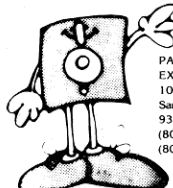
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APL Primer—Part II

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Vectors were your favorite part of high-school physics class, right? This month, Margaret tells you how to use them in APL on your 80.

I first mentioned vectors last month, in Part I of this series on APL. This month you will study vectors in more detail, and also learn many new APL functions.

To begin, assign values to two variables, VAR1 and VAR2. Single values assigned to variables are called scalars, or scalar variables.

```
Enter: VAR1←10
Enter: VAR2←12
```

Now assign a third variable, VAR3, in the following way:

```
Enter: VAR3←VAR1, VAR2
Enter: VAR3
Result: 10 12
```

You have created a two-element vector by chaining two scalar variables together. The function denoted by the comma is called catenation—last month you chained together two names (literals) using the catenation function.

Operations can be done with vector variables in the same way as with scalar variables.

```
Enter: VAR4←VAR3,X VAR1
Enter: VAR4
```

```
Result: 100 120
Enter: VAR5←VAR3,X VAR4
Enter: VAR5
Result: 1000 1440
```

In the first example, VAR1 (a scalar), is multiplied by a vector (VAR3), resulting in VAR4 (a new vector containing two elements).

When two vectors are multiplied as in the second example, corresponding elements of each are multiplied together. This is called parallel processing. The vectors must be the same length or an error message will result.

Random (Monadic)

A question mark followed by an integer produces a random integer between 1 and the integer entered. A question mark followed by 0 produces a random number between 0 and 1. If the symbol is followed by a vector consisting of integers, the result will be another vector containing random numbers. The entry, ? 6 6, for example, returns a two-element vector consisting of random integers between 1 and 6 (like the roll of a pair of dice).

Deal (Dyadic)

The deal function is the dyadic

counterpart of the random function. It uses the same symbol, and also involves random selection of numbers.

The first argument in deal is an integer that determines the number of random integers to be selected. The second argument, like the single argument in random, is the upper limit of integers that can be selected. If you enter 3 ? 10, three integers from 1 to 10 will be displayed. There is no replacement—no number will be chosen twice. Entering 6 ? 52, for example, produces a vector containing six integers between 1 and 52, simulating a deal of six cards out of a deck of 52.

Power Function

The power function uses the asterisk symbol. The function works with zero and one, negative or fractional powers, as well as positive integers.

```
Enter: 5 * 2
Result: 25
```

```
Enter: 5 * -2
Result: .04
```

```
Enter: 5 * .5
Result: 2.23607
```

```
Enter: 5 * 1
Result: 5
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```
Enter: 5 * 0
Result: 1
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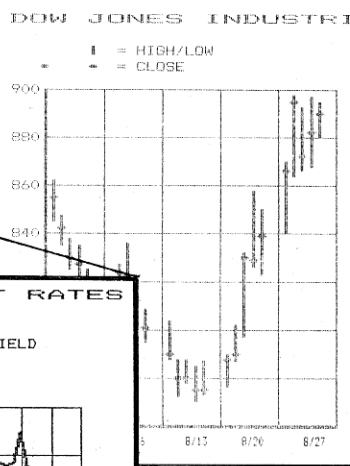
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Enter: 5 * 1 % 2
Result: 2.23607 (the square root of 5)
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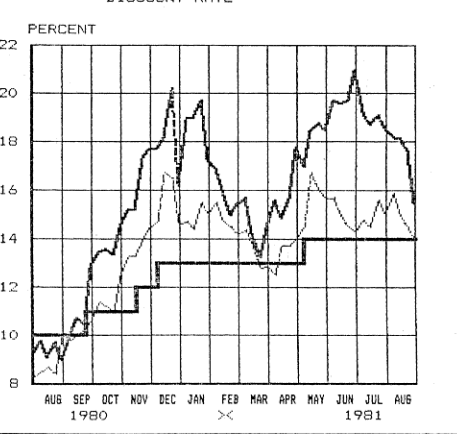
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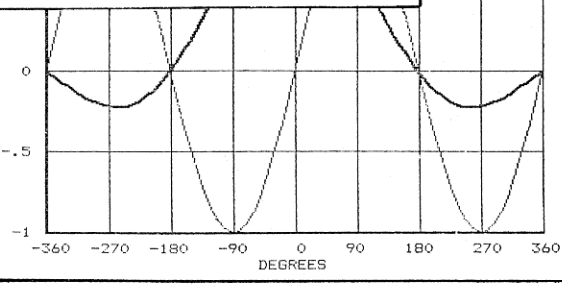
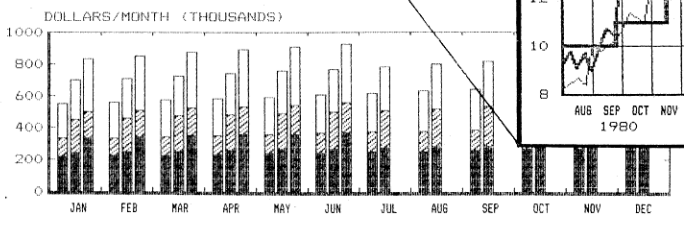


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The last example shows the form for obtaining roots. The cube root of 5 is obtained by $5 * 1 \% 3$, the fourth root by $5 * 1 \% 4$, and so on.

Exponential Function (Monadic)

An asterisk used as a monadic function results in 2.71828 (e, the base for natural logarithms) raised to a power.

Enter: * 1
Result: 2.71828

Enter: * 2 3 4
Result: 7.38906 20.0855 54.5982

Ceiling Function (Monadic)

Typing shift and H followed by a number produces the next higher integer.

Enter: H 3.2
Result: 4

Enter: H -3.2
Result: -3

Floor Function (Monadic)

The shift key followed by L and a number returns the next lower integer. The floor function is useful for extracting the integer part of a positive number.

Enter: L 3.6
Result: 3

Enter: L -3.6
Result: -4

Maximum (Dyadic)

This function shares its symbol (shift H) with the ceiling function. It can be used in several ways.

Enter: 17 H 5
Result: 17

Enter: VEC1 1 2 3 4
Enter: VEC1 H 3
Result: 3 3 3 4

two numbers is returned. In the second example, each element of the vector, VEC1, is compared with 3. The vector returned contains the maximum result from each comparison.

Two vectors may be compared element by element, as in the following example:

Enter: VEC2 4 3 2 1
Enter: VEC1 H VEC2
Result: 4 3 3 4

Minimum (Dyadic)

The minimum function is used in the same ways as the maximum function. Its symbol, also used by the floor function, is shift, L.

Enter: VEC1 L VEC2
Result: 1 2 2 1

Relational Operators

These functions all yield a result that depends on the truth of the expression in which they are used. The result is a one if the expression is true, a zero if false. There are six relational functions; all are dyadic (see Table 1).

Vectors, as well as scalars, may be compared using the relational functions. The result is a vector in which all elements are zeros or ones.

Enter: V1 2 4 6 4 2
Enter: V1 = 4
Result: 0 1 0 1 0

The relational operators can also be used with literals. Since comparison in APL80 is made character by character, the literals compared must be the same length.

Enter: N1 'JOHN JONES'
Enter: N2 'JOAN JOKES'
Enter: N1 = N2
Result: 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1

Enter: N1 > N2
Result: 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0

CHRS/ASC (Monadic)

This function can be used in two

ways. The symbol # followed by a number returns an alphanumeric or graphics character. The symbol followed by a character within single quotes returns the ASCII code for that character.

Enter: #'A'
Result: 65

Enter: #43
Result: +

The short program that follows illustrates how graphics are produced in APL80 by means of the # sign. Lines 1 and 2 of Turtle assign a pair of vector variables containing the graphics codes to draw a turtle on the screen. Lines 3 and 4 print the graphics blocks represented by those codes. Call the function by typing Turtle.

```
)DEF TURTLE
1: ROW1 184 190 191 191 188 184 140
2: ROW2 130 129 128 128 131
3: # ROW1
4: # ROW2
```

In APL80, some, but not all, of the screen control codes work with #. Three that do are:

```
#23 (change to 32 CPL mode)
#28 (return cursor to top of screen, change to 64
    CPL mode)
#31 (clear to end of screen)
```

For a large turtle, first enter #23, then call Turtle. To return to regular-size print, type #28.

The combination of #28 and #31 can be used at the start of a program to clear the screen and begin at the top. Together they are equivalent to the Basic CLS command.

In APL80, the # sign followed by a dash can be used in the same way as the Basic PRINT@ command. For example, #-960 moves the cursor to the beginning of the bottom line on the screen.

The # sign can also be used to divide the screen into zones or fields. The code #3 gives 16-zone printing, #7 gives eight-zone printing, and #15 gives four-zone printing. Cancel zone printing by typing #255.

Compression (Dyadic)

This function uses the slash symbol. The argument on the left of the slash is a vector consisting of only ones or zeros. On the right is another variable containing the same number of elements. The resulting vector consists of values from the second argument corresponding to ones in the array on the left.

Function	APL80 Symbol	Example	Result
equals	=	5 = 8	0
does not equal	\$	5 \$ 8	1
is greater than	>	5 > 2	1
is less than	<	5 < 8	1
is greater than or equal to	shift Z	5 Z 8	0
is less than or equal to	shift K	5 K 8	1

Table 1. Relational Functions

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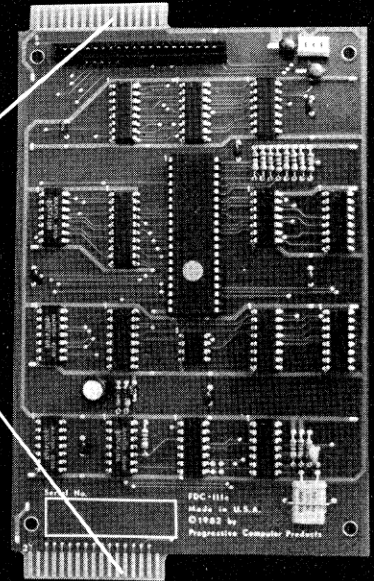
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Enter: 1 0 1 0 1/18 23 13 42 0
Result: 18 13 0

Compression also works with scalars, a property I will use further in the section on branching.

Enter: 1/15
Result: 15

Literals can also be compressed, as in the following example:

Enter: VOWELS←1000100010
Enter: ALPHA←'ABCDEFGHJI'
Enter: VOWELS/ALPHA
Result: AEI

Expansion (Dyadic)

The expansion function uses the symbol shift W. It is used to insert zeros or spaces into a vector (numerical or literal).

Enter: Q←ALPHA←'ABCDE'
Enter: Q←EXVEC←1010101010
Enter: EXVEC W ALPHA
Result: A B C D E

Editing

You can edit functions by typing

)EDIT followed by the function name. Let's use Turtle to demonstrate the edit mode in APL80. First, type and enter)EDIT TURTLE. The screen should appear as follows:

0: TURTLE
5:

Now you can add to the program beginning with line 5. If you want to review the entire function first, type)? and lines 0-4 will be listed. Add the following lines:

5: # ROW1
6: # ROW2
7: break

Calling Turtle now results in two turtles being printed, one above the other. What if you want the two turtles on the same line? Unfortunately, you can't suppress the line feed in APL80—but vectors can be catenated to produce two turtles in a row. Replace lines 3-6 as follows.

Type)EDIT TURTLE, then)? to list the entire function. To revise line 3, type)3. Enter the new line 3. Replace the other lines in the same way.

3: ROW3←ROW1, ROW1
4: ROW4←ROW2, ROW2
5: #ROW3
6: #ROW4
7: break

Something is wrong with these turtles. Since ROW2 is shorter than ROW1, you must add spaces to make the vectors the same length. Return to the edit mode, enter)2 and retype the line, adding two 128s (the code for blank spaces) to the end of the ROW2 vector. After making the change, press break to leave the edit mode.

To delete a line, go to the line you want dropped and press break. Lines are automatically renumbered after a deletion.

The APL80 tape version doesn't allow you to insert lines—nor can you leave lines blank as you are writing functions. If you expect to need extra lines later, use comment lines. They can be revised into program lines later or deleted if they are not needed. A comment line is produced by typing shift and C followed by a comment or by nothing at all.

In the tape version of APL80, you can do three things with the editor: add lines, replace lines, or delete lines. The disk version has other edit commands that are described in the manual.

One last point about the APL80 editor: If you are editing a long program, the first part will scroll off of the screen when you type)?. You can stop the action by holding down the shift and the @ keys together.

Logical Functions

There are five logical functions: AND, OR, NOT, NAND, and NOR. All but one are dyadic. They are used to compare logical values (ones or zeros, representing truth or the presence of a condition).

Logical AND (&)

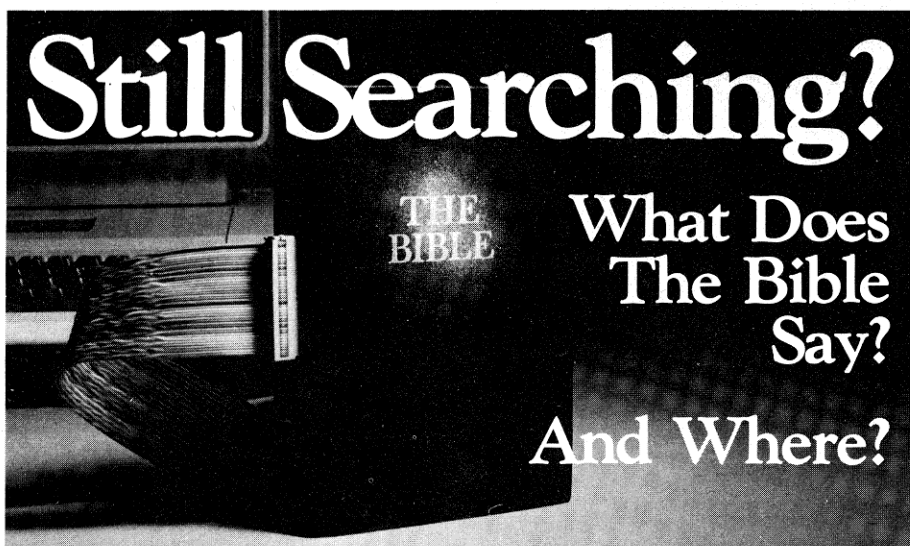
The logical AND function returns a one if the two values compared are both ones (both are true). Otherwise a zero is returned.

Enter: 0 & 0
Result: 0

Enter: 0 & 1
Result: 0

Enter: 1 & 1
Result: 1

Enter: A←0 0 1 1
Enter: B←1 0 1 0
Enter: A & B
Result: 0 0 1 0



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Logical OR (Shift V)

If either of the logical values compared is true, a one is returned. A zero results only if both values are false.

Enter: A ▀ V B
Result: 1 0 1 1

Logical NOT (Shift N)

This is the only monadic logical function. It returns the negative of its logical argument.

Enter: ▀ N A
Result: 1 1 0 0

Logical NAND (Shift A)

This is the reverse of the AND function—a one results unless both values are true.

Enter: A ▀ A B
Result: 1 1 0 1

Logical NOR (Shift Y)

This is the opposite of the logical OR function.

Enter: A ▀ Y B
Result: 0 1 0 0

Branching

In an APL program, you can go to a specific statement by typing a right arrow followed by the statement number.

The short program that follows creates an infinite loop. Each time statement 2 is reached, the instruction to return to statement 1 is executed. The program generates random integers between 1 and 18 until you press the break key.

```
)DEF RANDOM
1: ? 18
2: 1
```

The next program (a variation of the Turtle program) creates a loop that will be executed seven times. This is accomplished by the counter variable, INDEX. On each pass through the loop, the value of INDEX is increased by one. Statement 7 tests the value of INDEX to determine if it is less than eight.

```
)DEF TURTLES
1: ROW1←184 190 191 191 188 184 140
2: ROW2←130 129 128 128 131
3: INDEX←1
4: # ROW1
5: # ROW2
6: INDEX←INDEX + 1
7: →(INDEX < 8) / 4
```

Statement 7 can be read as "if INDEX is less than eight, go to statement 4." It uses a relational operator to test the truth of (INDEX < 8). If that expression is true, the compression operator (/) compares 1 and 4. Since 1/4 returns a 4, execution passes to statement 4 to begin the loop again. If (INDEX < 8) is false, (INDEX < 8) / 4 is evaluated as a null vector (a vector containing no elements). In that case, execution falls through to the next statement. In the above program there is no other statement, so the program ends.

You can also write a program with a loop that will stop when a certain condition is met. For example, (X > Y) / 0 can be read as "if X is greater than Y, then stop." "Go to 0" always stops execution.

The program Test, which follows, contains instructions to go to statement 5 if X equals Y and to go to statement 4 if X is greater than Y. If neither of those conditions is met, statement 3 is executed. Program lines 3 and 4 contain multiple statements. The instruction →6 is a statement by itself, separated from the other statement on the same line by a semicolon. Since there is no statement 6, execution stops. An arrow with no

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statement number following also ends the program.

```
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1: →(X = Y) / 5
2: →(X > Y) / 4
3: 'X < Y';→6
4: 'X > Y';→6
5: 'X = Y'
```

Enter: X←5.000001
Enter: Y←5
Enter: TEST
Result: X>5

Enter: X←5.0000001
Enter: TEST
Result: X = Y

Besides illustrating the program Test, the two examples above show that APL80 stores only seven significant digits. The value of X in the second example is equivalent to five, because the eighth digit is dropped internally.

Two conditions are required in a branch statement, as in the examples that follow:

```
→( (X > Y) & V > W) / 0
Read: "If X > Y and V > W, then stop."
```

```
→(0 = 1 J N) / 5
Read: "If N is an integer, go to statement 5."
```

```
→(0 = 2 J N) / 5
Read: "If N is an even integer, go to statement 5."
```

In APL80, the residue function cannot be used with negative numbers. In the last two examples, N must be positive.

Labeled Branches

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```
)DEF TEST
1: →(X = Y) / EQUALS
2: →(X > Y) / GREATER
3: 'X < Y';→0
4: GREATER: 'X > Y';→0
5: EQUALS: 'X = Y'
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	32767	
	16383	PROGRAM AND VARIABLE STORAGE
(54)(1)	13825	PCLEAR - 8
	PAGE 8	
(48)(1)	12289	PCLEAR - 7
	PAGE 7	
(42)(1)	10573	PCLEAR - 6
	PAGE 6	
(36)(1)	9217	PCLEAR - 5
	PAGE 5	
(30)(1)	7681	PCLEAR - 4
	PAGE 4	
(24)(1)	6145	PCLEAR - 3
	PAGE 3	
(18)(1)	4609	PCLEAR - 2
	PAGE 2	
(12)(1)	3073	PCLEAR - 1
	PAGE 1	
(6)(1)	1537	
		TEXT SCREEN
	1024	
		SYSTEM USE
	0000	

Fig. 1. Simplified Memory Map for the Color Computer

I was frustrated by my inability to merge Color Computer cassette programs. The thought of being able to blend the best features of my old programs into new ones, without retyping, became more than I could bear. So I gathered all the technical information I could find and sat down in front of my Color Computer, vowing not to move until I could merge my cassette programs. After a great deal of reading, PEEKing and POKEing I developed the following simple cassette merge technique.

Basic and the Color Computer

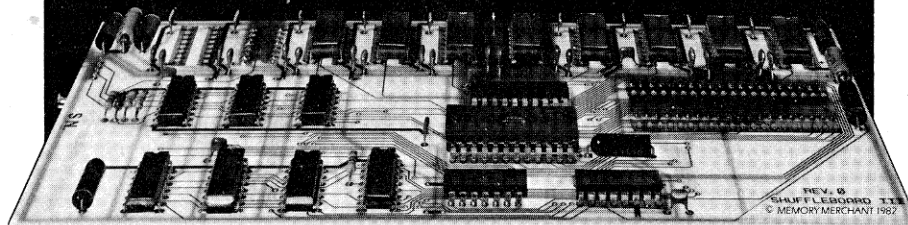
Figure 1 shows a simplified memory map for a Color Computer with Extended Basic. Locations 0-1023 are used by the Color Computer for system functions. Locations 1024-1535 store the text screen information and locations 1537-13,824 are reserved for graphic displays. This area is divided into eight 1,536-byte pages. The PCLEAR command determines how much memory will be reserved for graphics. A PCLEAR 1 reserves 1,536 bytes while PCLEAR 8 reserves 8 by 1,536 or 12,288 bytes.

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ing at location 7681. Since the 4K Color Computer does not have the PCLEAR function, it starts loading Basic programs at 1537.

The Basic program continues to fill memory from the bottom up until the program ends. Figure 2 shows that the Color Computer appends an end-of-Basic (EOB) flag and establishes a storage area for the program variables immediately following the flag. If the Color Computer had been commanded into another PCLEAR mode, this process would take place at the locations identified in Fig. 1. For example, a PCLEAR 1 command causes the Basic program to load at 3073.

Since a Basic program can reside in a number of different memory locations, the Color Computer needs to determine the precise starting location. Memory locations 25 and 26 provide this information. Specifically, these locations are two-byte pointers containing the Basic program's start address. To see these locations in action, type

PRINT PEEK(25);PEEK(26).

The Color Computer displays the numbers 30 and 1 for Extended Basic or 6 and 1 for Color Basic. These numbers are decimal representations of the binary numbers stored in the two locations. To translate these numbers into their decimal value you need to know which number represents the most significant byte (MSB). For the Color Computer, location 25 contains the most significant byte. To determine the decimal equivalent, multiply the value in location 25 by 256 and add the value from location 26 to the product. In our example, the decimal equivalent is $30 \times 256 + 1 = 7,681$ for Extended

Basic or $6 \times 256 + 1 = 1,537$ for Color Basic.

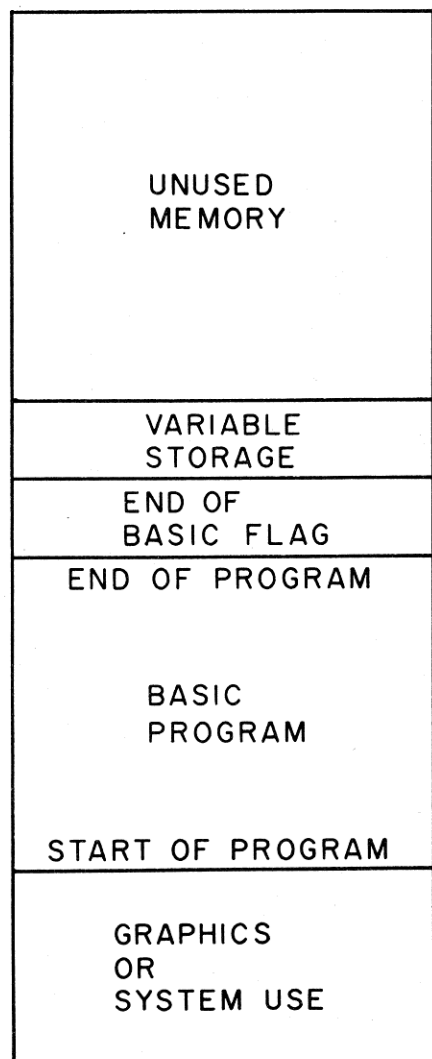
In Fig. 1 you'll see that for PCLEAR 4 Basic starts at 7681 and the first free space in lower memory is 1537. The pointer values and their decimal equivalents are included in Fig. 1. If you have Extended Basic you can execute a different PCLEAR command, then check the pointer values in locations 25 and 26 against those in Fig. 1. Figure 3 is a model of a Basic program line. The Color Computer stores three specific items for each program line. These items are shown as information blocks in Fig. 3. The first block is the address of the next program line; the second block is the current program line number and the last block contains a code number that represents the Basic function to be performed. The Color Computer executes the Basic function, then moves to the next address.

Each block shown in Fig. 3 is made up of two bytes of information, so one program line requires at least six bytes of memory. These bytes are interpreted as most significant byte (MSB) and least significant byte (LSB). Complex functions can have many bytes of instructions associated with them. The Color Computer steps through each line of the program until it arrives at the EOB flag. It is this linking of instructions that provides the capability to merge cassette programs. To illustrate this process enter 10 CLS. Find the start of Basic pointer by entering PRINT PEEK(25);PEEK(26). Then convert the pointer to a decimal address and PEEK at that and the next seven memory locations. Extended Basic models at PCLEAR 4 display 30, 7, 0, 10, 158, 0, 0, 0 in locations 7681-7688. Color Basic models display 6, 7, 0, 10, 158, 0, 0, 0 in locations 1537-1544.

The first two bytes are a pointer to the address of the next program line (7687 or 1543). The second two bytes are the current line number (10). The following byte (158) is the code for the CLS function. The zero after 158 indicates the end of the current program line. The final two bytes are the EOB flag (two consecutive

NEXT LINE ADDRESS	CURRENT LINE NUMBER	CODE FOR BASIC FUNCTION
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Fig. 3. Simplified Block Diagram of a Basic Program Line



4K, 16K, OR 32K
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2 BYTES (0,0)

7681 EXTENDED BASIC
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Fig. 2. Typical Basic Program in Memory

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zeros). Notice that the address identified by the first two bytes is the EOB flag address, which is the next (and last) line of the program.

Locations 27 and 28 store the end-of-Basic pointer in a manner similar to the way locations 25 and 26 store the beginning-of-Basic pointer. PEEK at these two values; you should get either 6,9 or 30,9 for this one-line program. This address is the very next memory location after the EOB flag.

The Cassette Merge Procedure

We now have the knowledge to understand the cassette merge procedure. The first program is CLOADed into memory. We know the Color Computer adds a two-byte EOB flag to the program. We also know that the program daisy-chains its way to this point. We can serve two purposes by starting the second program at the EOB flag address. First, the EOB flag is overwritten; next, the first program automatically feeds into the second program. The Color Computer then appends another EOB flag at the end of the second program, reserves variable space, and executes both programs as though they were one.

Table 1 lists the six steps required to merge two cassette programs. These steps mechanize the process described earlier. With a little experience the steps become automatic and the entire process takes only a little more time than CLOADing the two cassette programs. The following example illustrates the process by merging two simple programs. Type and CSAVE the programs in Program Listings 1 and 2. Now CLOAD Listing 1 and find the start and end of Basic pointers by PEEKing locations 25,26,27 and 28. For Extended Basic Color Computers the following should be displayed: 30, 1, 30, 69. While Color Basic displays: 6, 1, 6, 69.

You will not get 69 for the value in

*“With practice you
can relocate
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location 28 unless you typed Listing 1 exactly as shown. Each character, space or punctuation mark that's different from Program Listing 1 causes a one-byte change in location 28. The absolute value 69 is not critical; so if your program is longer or shorter than Listing 1, use the number you got (as long as your program runs).

To relocate the start of Basic pointer so the second program overwrites the EOB flag, enter POKE 26,67. If you're wondering where 67 came from, recall that locations 27 and 28 specify the end-of-Basic address, not the address of the EOB flag. You know the flag is two bytes long; therefore, you must subtract two from the value in location 28 (least significant byte) to cause the second program to overwrite the EOB flag. The value in location 25 (most significant byte) is equal to value in location 27; therefore, it doesn't have to be changed. If you didn't get 69, then subtract two from whatever number you did get and POKE the result into location 26. You can now CLOAD the second program. At this point anything done to the second program, such as renumbering, does not affect the first program. Move the start-of-Basic pointer back to its original location by entering POKE 26,1. The cassette merge operation is now complete. You can list, run or CSAVE the merged programs.

This technique isn't limited to merg-

ing two cassette programs. You can use it to merge three or more programs, or as a page editor, to move blocks of Basic program lines within a single program. This is tricky, but with practice you can relocate program lines without retyping them.

Caution

Make sure there's no conflict of line numbers. The Color Computer doesn't know how to handle two lines numbered 10. The Color Computer cannot deal with line numbers that are not in ascending order. Make sure the second program starts with a line number greater than the last line number of the first program. Be careful about your new program flow; make sure the merged program performs as intended and that you did not inadvertently change the logic. Variables can also be a source of problems. Be extra careful with any variable used by both programs. Finally, locate and confirm all transfers between the two programs.

Owners of Extended Color Basic computers can get an additional 1,536 bytes of program storage by using the techniques in this article. For some reason Radio Shack did not provide a PCLEAR 0 capability for Extended Basic. Therefore, the Color Computer reserves 1,536 bytes of memory for graphics, even if the graphics capability is not used. Once again look at Fig. 1, notice that the memory from 1537-3072 is not used to store a Basic program. These 1,536 bytes can be used by changing the start of Basic pointer (locations 25 and 26) to 6, 1 or decimal 1537. Once you do this you'll lose any program in memory. Therefore, POKE these values into locations 25 and 26 before you CLOAD your program. ■

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1. CLOAD first cassette program
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POKE value found in 27 into 25
POKE 2 less than value found in 28 into 26
5. CLOAD second cassette program
6. Relocate start of Basic to original location
POKE original value (step 2.) back into 25
POKE original value (step 2.) back into 26

Table 1. Cassette Merge Procedures

```
10 CLS
20 I=1
30 PRINT@262,"THIS IS PROGRAM NO. ";I
40 FOR T=0 TO 100:NEXT
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Program Listing 1

```
100 CLS
110 I=I+1
120 PRINT@262,"THIS IS PROGRAM NO. ";I
130 FOR T=0 TO 100:NEXT
140 GO TO 10
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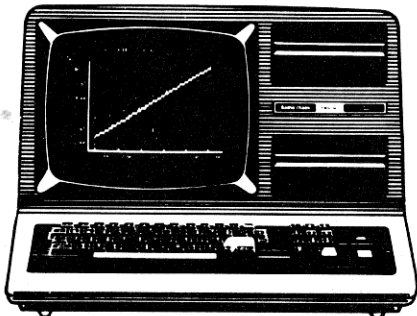
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Program Listing 1 offers a more elegant method for setting up a title and credits screen. If you start even one program per month, it will be worth your time to type this short utility into your machine and save it. It runs just a shade over 4K as is, but could fit into 4K by dropping most of the easy reading spaces; be sure to cut the Clear value to 200 or less in line 80. Figures 1-3 show how the program works in three important stages.

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4          TITLE AND CREDITS

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7          FORMATTER

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10         By Jay Chidsey

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13         Green Springs OH 44836

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Fig. 2. Title and Credits Formatted in Lines 180-250

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216          TITLE AND CREDITS

412          FORMATTER

601          By Jay Chidsey

789          Green Springs OH 44836

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Fig. 3. Formatted title and credits are displayed with proper PRINT @ numbers at left of screen

terial presented in the program. The first set runs from line 1000 through 1080, the second from line 1090 through 1180, and the third from line 1190 through 1290. Note how much easier it is to keep these lines about the same length for neat block appearance. Note also that I used the same array, A\$(Q), to present the three information blocks at lines 90, 170, and 300.

In each case the Data lines are first read into A\$(Q) in a For...Next loop and then printed by a similar For...Next loop. Q is incremented by one on each pass through the loop, and thus produces a subscript larger by one on each pass. A single spacing command TAB(10) sets all the lines printed to begin in the same column on the screen. Note the commas in Data lines 1050, 1190 (fore and aft), and 1240; these are read as empty data entries, and create spacing lines on the screen. Commas can be used in Data lines, as illustrated in line 1210, if the entry is preceded by a quote (") or enclosed (" ") if more than one entry is placed on the Data line. The third information page consists of 15 lines, including blank spacers, and thus exceeds the TRS-80's automatic acceptance of up to 11 array subscripts (0-10). In line 80 the array field is dimensioned to 15.

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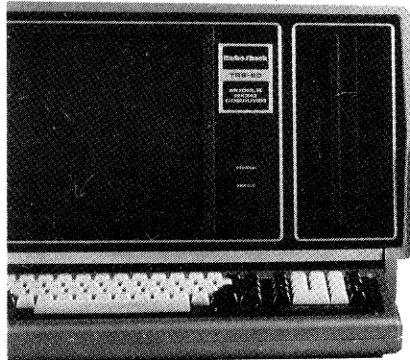
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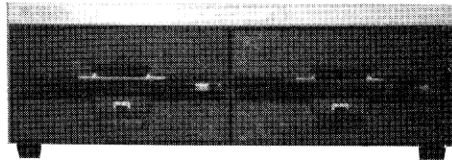
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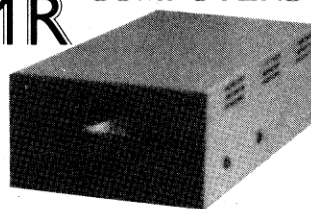
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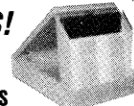


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Table 1

Q	Dummy variable; For...Next loops
A\$(Q)	Content of arrays for program instruction
S1	Vertical (line) location on screen of first line of title
T1	Calculation of PRINT @ location, first line of title
L1	Screen location of PRINT @, first line of title
T1\$	Content (in words) of first line of title
YY	Dummy variable for "To Continue" subroutine
X	Dummy variable for numbering of vertical lines (must reset to 0)
C	Counter for number of Title/Credit lines after the first
S(C)	INPUT of vertical (line) location of subsequent title lines
T(C)	Calculation of PRINT @ location, subsequent title lines
L(C)	Screen location of PRINT @, subsequent title lines
T\$(C)	INPUT of content of subsequent title lines
S(Q)	Vertical (line) location of subsequent lines
L(Q)	PRINT @ location of subsequent lines
T\$(Q)	Content of subsequent lines

Table 2. Variables Used in Title Page Formatting Program

Program Listing 1

```

0 GOTO 10
2 FOR N=1 TO 15: PRINT@X, N: X = X + 64: NEXT: X=0: RETURN
3 PRINT @977, "Please Press ENTER To Continue";: INPUT YY: RETUR
N
10 Z1$="PROGRAM TITLE": Z2$="AND CREDITS FORMATTER"
20 Z3$="By Jay Chidsey": Z4$="Green Springs, Ohio 44836"
30 Z1=210: Z2=330: Z3=594: Z4=710
50 CLS: PRINT CHR$(23) @Z1, Z1$: PRINT @Z2, Z2$
60 PRINT @Z3, Z3$: PRINT @Z4, Z4$
70 PRINT @902, "PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";: INPUT YY
80 CLEAR 1000: DIM A$(15): FOR Q=1 TO 10: READ A$(Q): NEXT
85 CLS: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
90 FOR Q=1 TO 10: PRINT TAB(10) A$(Q): NEXT: GOSUB 3: CLS
100 GOSUB 2: GOSUB 3: CLS: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
110 PRINT "Please ENTER location of first screen line (1-15)":
INPUT S1
115 IF S1<1 OR S>15 RESTORE: GOTO 80
120 S1 = (S1 - 1) * 64: PRINT: PRINT
130 PRINT "Please type in Title or first Title line": PRINT: INP
UT T1$
135 IF T1$ = "" RESTORE: GOTO 80
140 T1 = LEN(T1$): T1 = INT(T1/2)
150 CLS: L1 = S1 + 32 - T1: PRINT @L1, T1$
160 FOR Q=1 TO 9: READ A$(Q): NEXT: FOR Q=1 TO 1000: NEXT
170 FOR Q=1 TO 9: PRINT TAB(10) A$(Q): NEXT: GOSUB 3: CLS
180 GOSUB 2: PRINT @L1, T1$: GOSUB 3: C=1
190 CLS: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT: C=C+1

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Listing continues

Since the former content of A\$ is written over and wiped out on each succeeding use, you can reserve much less string space. The CLEAR 1000 at line 80 is extravagant, but is no problem in a 16K machine. The TRS-80's automatic CLEAR 50 is not enough. That CLEAR 1000 also nulls the strings in lines 10 and 20, to save further string space.

The restore commands in lines 340 and 370 deserve comment also. Once A\$(Q) has read and printed the data and has nulled that information by replacing it with new data, the data stack has been read out or used up. In line 340 it is restored so that the user can loop back to the beginning of the program. In line 370 it is restored and then the top 19 items are read but not stored so that the data beginning with line 1200 is available.

Note lines 0-10. I always start a program with the line 0 GOTO 10. This reserves lines 1-9 for subroutines that are frequently used. There are several advantages to this technique: It requires a lesser number of bytes to GOSUB3 than it does to GOSUB10000 and the computer finds the GOSUB right away, rather than having to scan every line from 0 to 10000 to find the item—a saving in execution time. If you're forgetful or bad at keeping program development notes you always know where to look for the important subroutines—between lines 1 and 9.

Lines 140 and 230 use Basic's LEN function, the computer's string length function. If you are going to center lines on the screen, you have to know how long each line is. LEN () tells you. Then subtract 1/2 of LEN () from the midpoint location in the line, and you can then center the title or credit entry. Use of the INTeger function gives a whole number, avoiding half spaces that the computer cannot use. Table 2 records the variables used in this program.

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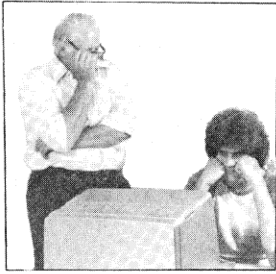
One of the subroutines I often include in an instructional program, or in any case where several successive pages of material are to be presented. The space bar trigger is CHR\$(32), and you set it up for the bottom of your screen:

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5 PRINT@ 915, "Press SPACE BAR To
Continue";
6 K$=INKEY$: IF K$<>CHR$(32)THEN 6
ELSE RETURN

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Else is often useful in If instructions. Had I written IF xxxx GOTO 6, it would have been necessary to add line 7



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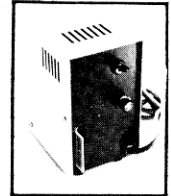
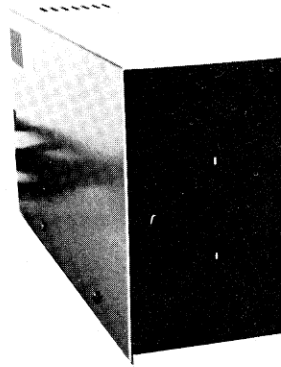


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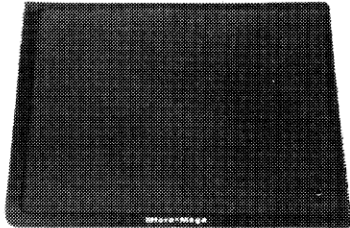
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200 PRINT @195, "Please ENTER location of next Title/Credit line
";
: INPUT S(C): S(C) = (S(C) - 1) * 64
205 IF S(C) = 0 OR S(C) < 0 GOTO 300
210 PRINT @389, "Type in and ENTER next line, or N if finished"
: PRINT @517, "": INPUT T$(C)
220 IF T$(C) = "N" OR T$(C) = "n" OR T$(C) = "" GOTO 300
230 T(C) = LEN(T$(C)): T(C) = INT(T(C)/2): L(C) = S(C) + 32 - T(
C)
240 CLS: GOSUB 2: PRINT @L1, T1$: FOR Q=2 TO C: PRINT @L(Q), T$(
Q): NEXT
250 GOSUB 3: GOTO 190
300 CLS: FOR Q=1 TO 14: READ A$(Q): PRINTTAB(10) A$(Q): NEXT
310 PRINT @970, "": INPUT "ENTER 1 or 2"; YY
320 IF YY=0 OR YY>2 GOTO 310
330 ON YY GOTO 340, 350
340 RESTORE: GOTO 80
350 CLS: PRINT @S1, L1: PRINT @L1, T1$
360 FOR Q=2 TO (C-1): PRINT @S(Q), L(Q): PRINT @L(Q), T$(Q): NEX
T: GOSUB 3
370 RESTORE: FOR Q=1 TO 19: READ A$: NEXT: GOTO 300
1000 DATA Next to be displayed on the screen are
1010 DATA the sixteen lines which are available to
1020 DATA you in formatting Titles and Credits for
1030 DATA your program. Line 16 is reserved for the
1040 DATA 'Press ENTER To Continue' line... so you
1050 DATA have only 15 lines to work with. ,
1060 DATA Be prepared (before you press ENTER) to choose
1070 DATA the first screen line you will want to use
1080 DATA and to type that line in.
1100 DATA When you press ENTER the 16 line page format
1110 DATA will appear again... and you will be able to
1120 DATA input the next line. After each such input
1130 DATA the Title and Credit page as formatted so far
1140 DATA will be presented. Enter an N when you have
1150 DATA ended your entries of Title and Credit lines.
1160 DATA At that point your page format will appear with
1170 DATA numbers at the left indicating the PRINT AT or
1180 DATA @ numbers you should use to achieve that format.
1190 DATA , YOU HAVE A CHOICE AT THIS POINT IN THE PROGRAM ,
1200 DATA 1. You may return right now to begin over in
1210 DATA "choosing line locations and/or line content, or
1220 DATA 2. You may view the PRINT AT ( @ ) locations
1230 DATA for your lines and then return to this menu
1240 DATA to choose reformatting if you wish. ,
1250 DATA The numbers at the left of the screen will be
1260 DATA those you would type in as @ or PRINT AT to
1270 DATA format your Title/Credits page as shown here.
1280 DATA Locations can be moved to left or right by sub-
1290 DATA tracting or adding to the @ given.

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0 GOTO 10
1 A$=INKEY$: S = 0: X=X+1: IF A$ = "" GOTO 1
2 S = X/67: PRINT @768, "YOUR ANSWER, #", A$, "REQUIRED"
INT(S * 100) / 100 "SECONDS": RETURN
3 TS = TS + S: TM = INT(TS/60): X = 0
: PRINT "TOTAL TIME SO FAR ELAPSED: " TM "MINUTES AND"
INT(TS - (TM * 60)) "PLUS SECONDS": PRINT @980,
"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE": INPUT YY: RETURN
10 A=0
100 CLS: PRINT : PRINT: PRINT,
"WHICH OF THESE IS A MAMMAL?": PRINT: PRINT
110 PRINT, "1. SHARK": PRINT, "2. DUCK": PRINT, "3. WHALE"
: PRINT, "4. BOA CONSTRICTOR": PRINT, "5. ALLIGATOR": GOSUB 1
120 IF A$ = "3" GOTO 150
130 PRINT @832, "SORRY, WRONG NUMBER.": GOSUB 3: GOTO 200
150 PRINT @832, "RIGHT! THE WHALE IS A WARM BLOODED MAMMAL"
: GOSUB 3
200 CLS: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT,
"WHICH OF THESE IS A EGG-LAYING MAMMAL?": PRINT
210 PRINT, "1. BAT": PRINT, "2. PLATYPUS": PRINT, "3. MANATEE"
: PRINT, "4. CROCODILE": PRINT, "5. ARCHEOPTERYX": GOSUB 1
220 IF A$ = "2" GOTO 250
230 PRINT "NO GO THIS TIME.": GOSUB 3: GOTO 300
250 PRINT "RIGHT! THE PLATYPUS OF AUSTRALIA IS THE ONLY EGG-LAYI
NG MAMMAL.": GOSUB 3
300 CLS: PRINT "THIS BEING A DEMO PROGRAM, PRESS ENTER GO ON"
: INPUT YY: GOTO 100

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Program Listing 2

RETURN. Else saves a line and saves bytes.

You can also use the INKEY\$ function to strobe the keyboard and move on if any key is pressed:

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7 PRINT@ 917 "Press Any Key To Continue":
8 IF INKEY$ = "" THEN 8 ELSE RETURN

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The " " following INKEY\$ (inkey string) must have no space between the quote marks; it represents a null string meaning no key was pressed during that strobe of the keyboard.

I have not been able to find a way to position these two lines (space bar or any key) on the bottom line of the screen, say at 979 or 981 respectively.

Add a Timer

If you construct instructional programs or game programs, you will find uses for a simple timer that records how long the program's user took to answer a question or to make some other required response (see Program Listing 2). Lines 1-3 are the timer program. Lines 100-300 present a simple quiz sequence that loops back to line 100 from line 300 to permit demonstration of the time accumulation function.

If you do not want to give the user the time used in each response, delete the part of the print section of line 2 that follows A\$; if you do not want accumulated time displayed, delete the print section of line 3. You can use response time in ways that do not involve feedback to the user; as a factor in determining the final score, for example.

The heart of the timer is S equals X/67 at the beginning of line 2. That formula works well in my Model III, but Model I programmers will have to adjust it for the slightly slower processing time of their machine. Run the program for a measured minute, or half hour, and adjust the formula. You can achieve great precision by going out to S equals X/59.2598 or some such decimal. Listing 2 as given accepts either one number (0-9) or one letter (A-Z) as a response. This is accepted on lines 120 and 220. A program that accepts a word, such as mammal, or a multi-digit number, such as 98.6, is somewhat more complex. It was the timer that we were illustrating here.

The Model III has a built-in clock, but I find it more difficult to set and access this function than to use the simple subroutine. ■

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Program Listing

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00020      ; THIS SET OF SUBROUTINES ARE AN ENHANCEMENT
00030      ; TO THE RESIDENT LII OR DISK BASIC. IT ALLOWS
00040      ; THE USER TO MANAGE HIS DATA FILES ON TAPE BY
00050      ; THE USE OF A 1-12 CHARACTER FILE NAME AND A PHYSICAL
00060      ; TAPE LAYOUT SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE IBM VARIABLE
00070      ; BLOCKED DATA SET ORGANIZATION.
00080      ; GLOBAL EQUATES & MISC MACROS
00090      TRSDOS EQU 402DH
00100      TESTVC EQU 4304H ;USED TO DETERMINE MACHINE TYPE
00110      KEYBD EQU 2BH ;ROM KEYBOARD RTN
00120      VARPTR EQU 260DH ;LOOK UP BASIC VARIABLE
00130      TYPE EQU 40AFH ;VARIABLE TYPE KEPT HERE
00140      TRSBAS EQU 5200H ;DISK BASIC ENTRY POINT
00150      TRSOFF EQU 1371H ;TRSDOS DISK VECTOR OFFSET
00160      NDOFF EQU 2651H ;NEWDOS/80 DISK VECTOR OFFSET
00170      LOAD EQU 4430H ;LOAD A CMD FILE
00180      CLOSE EQU 4428H ;DOS CLOSE
00190      DOSPRT EQU 4467H ;DISPLAY MESSAGE TILL CR
00200      ERROR EQU 28A7H ;PRINT HL TIL=0
00210      RTAPE EQU 0235H ;READ BYTE FROM TAPE
00220      WTAPE EQU 0264H ;WRITE 1 TO TAPE
00230      DEFDRV EQU 0212H ;DEFINE DRIVE
00240      STOPIT EQU 01F8H ;STOP TAPE
00250      RDLDR EQU 0296H ;READ LEADER & SYNC
00260      DOSTOP EQU 4049H ;TOP OF MEM
00270      BEDIT EQU 1A11H ;EDIT LINE IN ERROR
00280      ERR EQU 409AH ;BASIC ERR (1 BYTE)
00290      ENABLE EQU 0FBH ;ENABLE INTERRUPTS INSTR
00300      NEW EQU 1B49H ;BASIC NEW ADDR
00310      RESET MACRO FIELD
00320      LD HL,(A&FIELD)
00330      LD DE,(OFFSET)
00340      ADD HL,DE
00350      PUSH HL
00360      LD DE,V&FIELD
00370      LD BC,3
00380      PUSH BC
00390      LDIR
00400      POP BC
00401      POP DE
00420      LD HL,N&FIELD
00430      LDIR
00440      ENDM

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00010      ENTRY EQU $ ;START OF INIT
00020      LD (PARMS),HL ;SAVE HL PARMS
00030      LD IX,FILE1+262 ;POINT TO FILE2
00040      SET 1,(IX+3) ;SET LOGICAL FILE2
00050      LD A,(TESTVC) ;PU VECTOR BYTE
00060      LD HL,NEW ;PERFORM A LEV II "NEW"
00070      PUSH HL ;PLACE AS RET
00080      CP X'11' ;RET IF BASIC2
00090      CALL Z,DISKBL ;USING DISK BASIC
00100      RESET OPEN ;ADD/MOVE OFFSET
00110      RESET CLOSE ;TO ALL
00120      RESET INPUT ;DISK BASIC

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00140      LD          HL,OFFSET-1 ;SET
00150      LD          (DOSTOP),HL ;TOP OF DISK MEM
00160      LD          HL,(PARMS)  ;RELOAD PARAMETERS
00170      RET
00180  DISKBL: POP      HL          ;REMOVE CLEAR RET
00190      EX          (SP),HL     ;REPLACE RET W/CLEAR
00200  DISK1: LD       DE,BASICD   ;POINT TO DCB
00210      LD          A,ENABLE    ;SET ENABLE INSTR
00220      LD          (EI),A     ;ONLY FOR DISK SYSTEMS
00230      CALL       LOAD        ;LOAD IT
00240      JR          Z,BASLD     ;IT WORKED
00250      LD          HL,MMSG     ;MOUNT MESSAGE
00260      CALL       DOSPRT      ;DISPLAY MESSAGE
00270  TKA          EQU          $
00280      CALL       KEYBD        ;GET A CHAR
00290      CP          X'0D'       ;CARRIAGE RET
00300      JR          NZ,TKA     ;NO
00310      JR          DISK1      ;LOAD AGAIN
00320  BASLD       EQU          $
00330      EX          (SP),HL     ;EXCHANGE ENTRY W/RET
00340      CALL       CLOSE       ;CLOSE IT
00350      POP        DE          ;PUT ENTRY INTO DE
00360      PUSH       DE          ;RESTORE ENTRY TO STACK
00370      PUSH       HL          ;RESTORE RET TO STACK
00380      EX          DE,HL       ;PUT ENTRY INTO HL
00390      LD          DE,TRSBAS  ;ENTRY TO RS DISK BASIC
00400      XOR         A           ;REMOVE CARRY
00410      SBC        HL,DE        ;COMPARE THEM
00420      LD          HL,TRSOFF  ;SET TRSDOS OFFSET
00430      JR          NZ,NEWDS0   ;IT IS NEWDOS 80 BASIC
00440  STROFF: LD      (OFFSET),HL ;STORE OFFSET
00450      RET
00460  NEWDS0      EQU          $
00470      LD          HL,NDOFF     ;LOAD NEWDOS/80 OFFSET
00480      JR          STROFF      ;GOTO STORE
00490  PARMS: DW      0000H        ;SAVE AREA FOR HL
00500  BASICD: DB     'BASIC/CMD',13,'
00510  MMSG: DB      '* INSERT DISKETTE CONTAINING BASIC/CMD
*' ,13,00
00520  OFFSET: DW     0000H        ;DISK VECTOR OFFSETS
00530  AOPEN: DW     4179H        ;OPEN VECTOR
00540  ACLOSE: DW    4185H        ;CLOSE VECTOR
00550  AINPUT: DW    41D6H        ;INPUT VECTOR
00560  APRINT: DW    41CAH        ;PRINT VECTOR

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00020      CSEG
00030  ;          ROUTINE:          TAPE OPEN
00040  TOPEN      EQU          $
00050      CALL       CHECK2        ;IS IT TAPE OPER
00060      JP          NZ,VOPEN     ;NO
00070      INC         HL           ;SKIP #
00080      INC         HL           ;SKIP +
00090      CALL       FSELCT        ;SET IX FILE BASE
00100      JP          NZ,IFNO      ;BAD FILE NUMBER
00110      BIT        7,(IX+3)     ;IS FILE OPEN
00120      JP          NZ,FAOP     ;YES
00130      INC         HL           ;SKIP FILE NO
00140      INC         HL           ;SKIP ,
00150      LD          A,(HL)       ;PU DRIVE NO
00160      CP          30H         ;IS DRIVE<0

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● TFM returns an input/output completion status in the Basic error variable, ERR, for input operations.

● You can supply up to a 12-character file name to be written to the file header with no restrictions on the content of the name.

● TFM displays English error messages on the display when it detects an error instead of the two-character abbreviated error message inherent in Level II Basic.

● You can read and write any data without losing any of it to the infamous "Extra Ignored," since these routines do not look at the data but at its length.

● If you forget the name that is on a file, you can open it with the name parameter equal to 12 question marks; TFM will open the file and replace the question marks with the name from the file header.

TFM does not replace the INPUT#-n and PRINT#-n functions, but adds itself to the many Level II functions.

Example of Increased Efficiency

Here is an example of a short program that creates a tape output file from a string array:

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10 FOR I=1 TO 100:PRINT#-1,A$(I):NEXT
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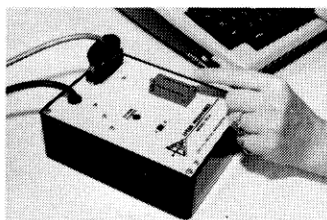
If the average string length were 50 bytes, then the above loop would take about 10 minutes to complete.

With my routines, and with no change in baud rate, the same data could be written as follows:

```
10 OPEN#-1,1,0,"TESTFILE"
20 FOR I=1 TO 100:PRINT#-1,A$(I):NEXT:
CLOSE#-1
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This code would need six seconds to write the header from the open statement and two minutes to write all the data (based on six seconds for each data

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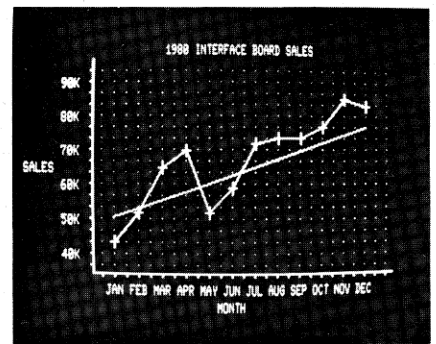
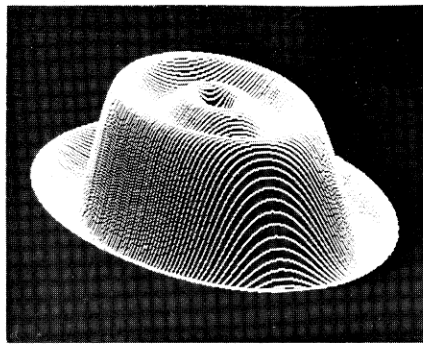
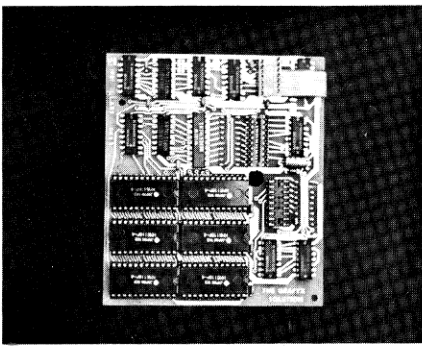
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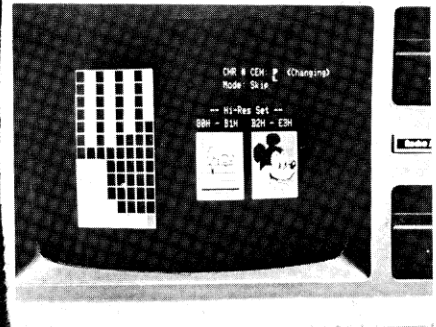
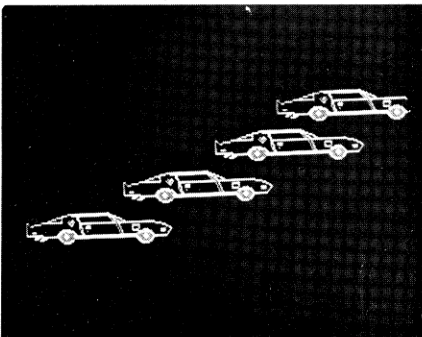


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00180	SUB	33H	;SUBTRACT 33H
00190	JP	NC,BDN	;BAD DRIVE NUMBER
00200	ADD	A,02H	;RESTORE DRIVE NO
00210	RES	0,(IX+3)	;SET DRIVE 0
00220	RRC	A	;IS IT DRIVE 1
00230	JR	NC,DSET	;NO
00240	SET	0,(IX+3)	;SET DRIVE 1
00250	DSET	EQU	\$
00260	INC	HL	;SKIP DRIVE NO
00270	INC	HL	;SKIP
00280	RES	4,(IX+3)	;SET INPUT FILE
00290	LD	A,(HL)	;PU FILE OPTION
00300	CP	'I'	;IS IT INPUT
00310	JR	Z,OPTSET	;YES
00320	SET	4,(IX+3)	;SET OUTPUT
00330	CP	'O'	;IS IT OUTPUT
00340	JP	NZ,IFO	;INVALID FILE OPTION
00350	OPTSET	EQU	\$
00360	INC	HL	;SKIP OPTION
00370	INC	HL	;SKIP
00380	LD	A,(HL)	;PU BYTE OF FILE NAME
00390	CP	22H	;IS IT "
00400	CALL	Z,BDPTR	;YES-BUILD PTRS
00410	CALL	NZ,LUVAR	;LOOK UP VARIABLE
00420	LD	A,(DE)	;MOVE LEN
00430	LD	(IX),A	;TO FILE AREA
00440	CP	13	;IS LEN < 13
00450	JP	NC,VTL	;FILE NAME TOO LONG
00460	INC	DE	;DE=ADDR(ADDR(STR))
00470	LD	(\$+6),DE	;MOVE ADDR(STR)
00480	LD	DE,(\$)	;INTO DE
00490	LD	(IX+1),E	;SET MSB
00500	LD	(IX+2),D	;SET LSB
00510	LD	(BLINE),HL	;SAVE ADDR(BASIC LINE)
00520	CALL	SETBUF	;SET HL=ADDR(BUFFER)
00530	LD	(HL),20H	;BLANK OUT
00540	PUSH	HL	;PUT HL
00550	POP	DE	;INTO DE
00560	INC	DE	;ADVANCE TO NEXT ONE

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record containing five variables).

Record Formats

All tape records have the same basic format as described below:

●BDW—Block Descriptor Word. Contains an 8-bit unsigned integer that is a count of how many bytes follow.

●DATA—Data for the record. (See Fig. 3 for a breakdown.)

●CKSB—Checksum Byte. Eight-bit sum of all DATA plus BDW bytes.

The format and content of the header record is:

●BDW—Block Descriptor Word.

●DATA—Header Data Segment.

x'OD'—Record Descriptor Word

x'C3'—Header Record Designator

12 bytes—File Name

●CKSB—Checksum of all DATA plus BDW bytes.

The data record contains:

●BDW—Block Descriptor Word.

●DATA—Data Segment.

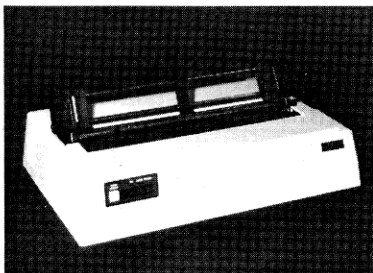
●RDW—Record Descriptor Word.

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●DATA—The data associated with the RDW. (There can be as many occurrences as RDW/DATA as will fit in the 256-byte buffer.)

●CKSB—Checksum of all DATA plus

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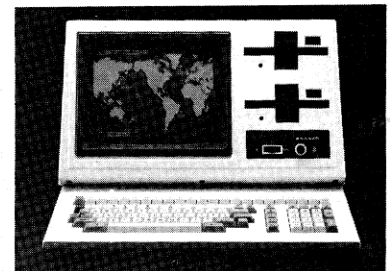
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BDW bytes.

The trailer record does not follow the uniformity rules. The RDW is x'F0', but the data is only one byte long:

● BDW—Block Descriptor Word.

● DATA—Data Segment.

x'F00F'—Trailer Designator.

● CKSB—Checksum of all DATA plus BDW bytes.

What Is a Buffer?

A data buffer collects data from Basic until it is full. Then the contents are written to the tape. In the routines described here, up to 256 bytes of data can be sent to the buffer before they are transferred to the tape. This results in much faster tape I/O due to reduced physical drive movement.

Loading the Routines

Loading the routines is easy, but disk and nondisk loading procedures are different. To load TFM under a nondisk system, the memory size must be set according to the amount of RAM your system contains: 16K—30983; 32K—47367; and 48K—63751.

Once the memory size is set and you have a ready prompt you can proceed to load TFM as you would any System tape. TFM, as part of its initialization,

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00570 LD BC,16 ;SET LEN=16
00580 LDIR ;FILE NAME AREA
00590 BIT 4,(IX+3) ;IS IT INPUT
00600 CALL Z,RHEAD ;YES
00610 BIT 4,(IX+3) ;IS IT OUTPUT
00620 CALL NZ,WHEAD ;YES
00630 LD HL,(BLINE) ;RESTORE ADDR(BLINE)
00640 CALL ADVLIN ;ADVANCE BASIC LINE
00650 SET 7,(IX+3) ;SET FILE OPEN
00660 RET
00670 ; ROUTINE: RHEAD
00680 ; THIS ROUTINE READS THE HEADER AND COMPARES IT TO THE
00690 ; HEADER IN THE OPEN STATEMENT.
00700 ;
00710 RHEAD EQU $
00720 CALL READP ;READ A PHYSICAL BLOCK
00730 LD E,(IX+1) ;LOAD ADDR OF FILE NAME
00740 LD D,(IX+2) ;INTO DE
00750 LD B,(IX) ;LOAD LEN
00760 CALL SETBUF ;HL=ADDR OF FILE NAME-1
00770 CPN1 EQU $
00780 INC HL ;ADVANCE 1 FILE BYTE
00790 LD A,(HL) ;PU FIRST BYTE
00800 CP X'C3' ;IS IT HEADER
00810 JP NZ,NDF ;NO-RET IF HEADER ERR
00820 CPN2 EQU $
00830 INC HL ;SKIP C3
00840 LD A,(DE) ;PU VAR BYTE
00850 CP (HL) ;IS IT EQUAL
00860 JR NZ,CFAF ;NO-CHECK FOR ANY FILE
00870 INC DE ;NEXT VAR
00880 DJNZ CPN2 ;REPEAT FOR NEXT
00890 RSIX EQU $
00900 LD A,0 ;RC=0
00910 LD (IX+4),A ;READ INDEX=0
00920 LD (IX+5),A ;BLOCK DESC WORD=0
00930 RET ;EXIT
00940 CFAF EQU $
00950 LD E,(IX+1) ;RELOAD STRING
00960 LD D,(IX+2) ;ADDRESS

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00970      LD      A,(IX)      ;RELOAD LEN
00980      CP      12          ;IS IT 12
00990      JP      NZ,FNF     ;NO-FILE NOT FOUND
01000      LD      A,(DE)     ;GET FILE NAME CHAR
01010      CP      '?'       ;IS IT QUERY
01020      JP      NZ,FNF     ;NO-FILE NOT FOUND
01030      CALL   SETBUF     ;SET HL=FILE-1
01040      INC     HL          ;SKIP LEN DESC
01050      INC     HL          ;SKIP HEADER DESC X'C3'
01060      LD      BC,12      ;SET LEN
01070      LDIR                     ;MOVE FILE NAME
01080      JR      RSIX
01090      ;      SUBROUTINE:      WHEAD
01100      ;      THIS SUBROUTINE WRITES THE HEADER ON THE OUTPUT TAPE
01110      ;
01120      WHEAD EQU      $
01130      LD      (IX+6),0DH    ;SET RDW
01140      LD      (IX+5),0EH    ;SET BDW
01150      LD      (IX+7),X'C3' ;SET HEADER
01160      CALL   SETBUF     ;HL=FILENAME-1
01170      INC     HL          ;SKIP LEN DESC
01180      INC     HL          ;SKIP C3
01190      EX      DE,HL        ;DE=FILE NAME
01200      LD      H,(IX+2)     ;LOAD STR ADDR
01210      LD      L,(IX+1)    ;INTO HL
01220      LD      C,(IX)       ;PU FILENAME LEN
01230      LD      B,0          ;B=0
01240      LDIR                     ;MOVE IT
01250      LD      A,255         ;SET HEADER LEN
01260      LD      (NUMZ),A      ;TO 255
01270      CALL   WRITEP        ;WRITE PHYSICAL BLOCK
01280      LD      A,50          ;SET NEW HEADER LEN
01290      LD      (NUMZ),A      ;STORE NEW LEN
01300      XOR      A
01310      RET

;      SUBROUTINES
00010      ;
00020      ;
00030      SELECT2 EQU      $
00040      INC     HL            ;SKIP #
00050      INC     HL            ;SKIP +
00060      CALL   FSELECT      ;SET FILE #
00070      JP      NZ,IFNO      ;INVALID FILE #
00080      BIT     7,(IX+3)      ;IS IT OPEN
00090      JP      Z,FC         ;NO
00100      BIT     4,(IX+3)      ;CHECK HOW OPEN
00110      INC     HL            ;SKIP FILE #
00120      INC     HL            ;SKIP ','
00130      RET
00140      FSELECT EQU      $
00150      LD      IX,FILE1      ;SET IX/IY
00160      LD      IY,FILE1+262  ;IX=FILE1
00170      LD      A,(HL)        ;IY=FILE2
00180      CP      '1'          ;PU FILE NUMBER
00190      RET      Z            ;IS IT 1
00200      PUSH    IX            ;YES
00210      PUSH    IY            ;SWAP
00220      POP     IX           ;IX
00230      POP     IY           ;WITH
00240      CP      '2'          ;IY
00250      RET                     ;FILE 2
00251      ;      BUILD STRING POINTERS
00260      BDPTR EQU      $
00270      INC     HL            ;EXIT Z=YES,NZ=BAD
00280      LD      (DUMADD),HL   ;SKIP "
00290      LD      BC,0FF00H     ;STR ADDRESS
00300      LD      A,22H        ;B=FF,C=0
00310      CNCFQ EQU      $
00320      CP      (HL)          ;A="
00321      INC     HL            ;END OF STR
00330      JR      Z,SDLEN      ;NEXT LINE BYTE
00340      INC     C             ;YES
00360      DJNZ    CNCFQ        ;ADD 1 TO LEN
00370      JP      VTL         ;LOOP IF MORE
00380      SDLEN EQU      $
00390      LD      A,C           ;VAR TOO LONG
00400      LD      (DUMLEN),A    ;SET
00410      LD      DE,DUMLEN     ;STR LEN
00420      CP      C             ;DE=PTRS
00430      RET                     ;SET Z
00440      SETBUF EQU      $
00450      PUSH    IX            ;SET
00460      POP     HL            ;STR LEN
00470      REPT   6             ;DE=PTRS
00480      INC     HL            ;SET HL=ADDR(BUFFER)
00490      ENDM

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will execute a Clear. However, to complete the initialization you must key in Clear and hit enter. If you have a program that has run and has variables established, you will lose the contents of the variables when you load in TFM.

Loading TFM from DOS is slightly different. From DOS command level, key in TFM; DOS will load in the TFM program, and then begin its execution. TFM will then attempt to load Disk Basic from the file named BASIC/CMD, and if it does not find it, a message will be displayed. When it loads Disk Basic, it will determine which Basic you are using.

TFM can distinguish between Radio Shack Disk Basic and NEWDOS80 Disk Basic, since they store the vectors that TFM needs to modify at different addresses, before moving them into the vector area. When TFM determines the Basic being used, it modifies the vectors and jumps to the beginning of Basic that was returned from DOS in the HL register pair.

TFM is easy to use since it has only four instructions. The first two are almost identical to the Level II Basic INPUT#-1 and PRINT#-1 instructions.

PRINT#+n,V\$,I%,S!,D#

The first instruction, PRINT#+n, is identical in format to the PRINT#-1 instruction, but it differs in the way it outputs data to the tape file. Print will accept any type of Basic variable in the instruction, whether it is integer, string, single, or double precision. However, Print outputs only the data portion of all variables into the buffer to be written to the tape. In this way, the Input routine can be simplified, and the efficiency of data transfer increased. The data portions stored on tape are as follows:

- the RDW byte (see Fig. 3)
- String—LEN(string)
- Integer—2 bytes
- Single—4 bytes
- Double—8 bytes

If you have a double-precision 16-digit number, it can be stored on tape in half the space it would need if it was written out via the PRINT#-1 function.

Another major difference between PRINT#+n and PRINT#-n is that TFM puts the data into 256-byte buffers before doing a physical I/O.

Additionally, the n in the PRINT#+n is used differently than with PRINT#-n. With PRINT#-n, the n is the cassette to which the data is written, whereas with TFM the n is the logical file that is to be accessed on either logical drive 1 or 2.

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00520      ; LOOK UP VARIABLE
00530      ;
00540      LUVAR EQU      $
00550      CALL      VARPTR      ;LOOK UP VARIABLE
00560      LD        A,(TYPE)    ;PICKUP VAR TYPE
00570      CP        03H        ;IS IT STRING
00580      RET        Z          ;ALREADY STRING
00590      BIT        4,(IX+3)    ;IS IT OUTPUT
00600      RET        Z          ;RETURN. IT IS INPUT
00610      ; THE NEXT 3 LINES WILL MAKE INT,SNG,DBL VARIABLES
00620      ;APPEAR TO BE STRING SO THEY CAN BE PUT ON TAPE
00630      LD        (DUMLEN),A  ;STORE LEN
00640      LD        (DUMADD),DE ;STORE ADDR OF STRING
00650      LD        DE,DUMLEN   ;DE=ADDR(VAR)
00660      RET
00670      MOUNT EQU      $
00680      BIT        5,(IX+3)    ;IS IT MOUNTED
00690      JR        NZ,ALMTD    ;ALREADY MOUNTED
00700      BIT        7,(IY+3)    ;IS OTHER OPEN
00710      JR        Z,MOUNTM   ;NO
00720      LD        A,(IX+3)    ;PU STATUS
00730      AND      X'01'        ;SET DRIVE NO
00740      LD        C,A        ;IN C
00750      LD        A,(IY+3)    ;PU STATUS-2
00760      AND      X'01'        ;SET DRIVE-2
00770      CP        C          ;SAME??
00780      JR        NZ,MOUNTM  ;NO
00790      BIT        5,(IY+3)    ;IS OTHER MOUNTED
00800      JR        Z,MOUNTM   ;NO
00810      RES        5,(IY+3)    ;SET NOT MOUNTED
00820      LD        A,(IY+3)    ;PU STATUS BYTE
00830      SRL      A          ;MOVE RIGHT
00840      AND      X'01'        ;LEAVE ONLY FILE#
00850      ADD      A,31H        ;RESET DRIVE FILE2
00860      PUSH     HL          ;SAVE HL
00870      LD        H,A        ;H=FILE #
00880      LD        L,'R'      ;REMOVE MESSAGE
00890      LD        (3C3EH),HL  ;DISPLAY IT
00900      JR        APHL
00910      MOUNTM EQU      $
00920      PUSH     HL          ;SAVE HL
00930      APHL
00940      LD        A,(IX+3)    ;PU DRIVE 1
00950      SRL      A          ;MOVE RIGHT
00960      AND      X'01'        ;REM ALL BUT FILE #
00970      ADD      A,31H        ;SET FILE NUM
00980      LD        H,A        ;H=FILE #
00990      LD        L,'M'      ;MOUNT MESSAGE
01000      LD        (3C7EH),HL ;MOUNT MESSAGE
01010      GETC EQU      $
01020      CALL     KEYBD        ;GET A CHAR
01030      CP        13         ;ENTER PRESSED
01040      JR        NZ,GETC    ;NO
01050      SET      5,(IX+3)    ;SET FILE OPEN
01060      LD        HL,2020H    ;BLANK
01070      LD        (3C3EH),HL  ;OUT MESSAGE
01080      LD        (3C7EH),HL  ;AREAS
01090      POP      HL          ;RESTORE HL
01100      ALMTD EQU      $
01110      LD        A,(IX+3)    ;PU STATUS BYTE
01120      AND      X'01'        ;SET DRIVE IN A

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Listing continues

INPUT#+n,\$\$,I%,S!,D#

INPUT#+n is identical in format to INPUT#-n, with the exception that the variables listed in the instruction must either be all string or match the data on the data file exactly.

The input routine looks up the INPUT variable, and, before moving the data to the variable, it checks the variable type. If the type is 03 (string) the variable's pointers are changed to point to the data in the buffer. If the type is anything else, the length of incoming data is compared to the data type.

The reason for this comparison is that the integer, single, and double-precision variables have their data portion the same length as their type code. Integer type code is 02, single type code is 04, double type code is 8, and string type code is 03. If the types don't match a type-mismatch error appears. If the data type matches the RDW, the data in the buffer is moved to the data segment of the INPUT variable.

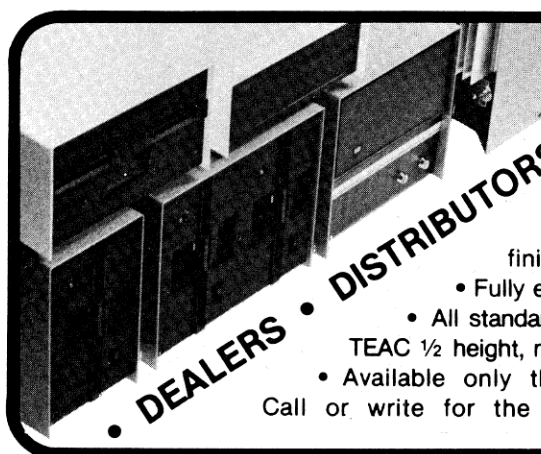
The type-mismatch error differs from the Level II messages in that it prints the variable type and the data type. The data type is derived by ORing the RDW with X'30' and if greater than X'39', X'33' is used. So the data type sometimes can't be 2, 3, 4, or 8.

Input also uses the complement to Print data buffering technique, and the n is used the same way as the n in the print statement.

OPEN#+n,DN,H,F\$ or "file name"

In discussing the Open instruction, I will first explain its parameters as they are used with TFM. The logical number with which to associate the open file is n, and it can be only 1 or 2.

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01130		DI		;DISABLE INTERRUPTS
01140		CALL	DEFDRV	;DEFINE DRIVE
01150		RET		;EXIT
01160	CHECK2	EQU	\$	
01170		PUSH	HL	;PUT HL
01180		POP	IX	;INTO IX
01190		LD	A,(IX+1)	;PU BYTE 2
01200		CP	X'CD'	;IS IT ENCODED '+'?
01210		LD	A,(HL)	;RESTORE A VARIABLE
01220		RET		
01240	ADVLIN	EQU	\$	
01250		LD	A,(HL)	;PU
01260		CP	0	;IS IT END OF LINE
01270		RET	Z	;YES
01280		CP	' :	;IS IT END
01290		RET	Z	
01300		CP	' ,'	;IS IT ANOTHER
01310		INC	HL	;DO NEXT ONE
01320		JR	NZ,ADVLIN	;YES
01330		CP	0	;SET NZ
01340		RET		
01350	CKSUM	EQU	\$	
01360		PUSH	HL	;SAVE HL
01370		PUSH	DE	;SAVE DE
01380		CALL	SETBUF	;HL=ADDR(BUFFER)
01390		DEC	HL	;BACK UP TO BDW
01400		LD	A,(HL)	;PU BDW
01410		LD	B,A	;SET FOR LOOP
01420		LD	C,A	;SET START CKSUM
01430	RNCBS	EQU	\$	
01440		INC	HL	;NEXT BYTE
01450		LD	A,(HL)	;PU BYTE
01460		ADD	A,C	;ADD TO CKSUM
01470		LD	C,A	;PUT CKSUM IN C
01480		DJNZ	RNCBS	;DO NEXT
01490		POP	DE	;RESTORE DE
01500		POP	HL	;RESTORE HL
01510		RET		
01520	STOPTP	EQU	\$	
01530		CALL	STOPIT	;STOP TAPE

Listing continues

can have both files open on the same drive since TFM will prompt for the mounting and dismounting of the correct files.

H is used for accessing the file, I is for input, O is for output, and F\$ is the variable containing the file name; or, the file name can be coded as a string literal.

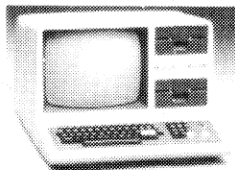
When TFM encounters an Open, it first validates the logical file number and then the drive. Then it checks to see if you wish to open the file for input or output. If you are opening an output file, TFM constructs a header record, used for opening the file for a later read, and writes the header onto the tape.

If you are opening the file for input, TFM reads the first record on the tape, and determines whether or not it is a TFM data file (first data byte = X'C3'). If it is not a TFM data file, then an error is printed and the file remains closed. If it is a TFM file, then the name in the header is compared with the name coded in the Open statement; if they match, the file is marked as opened in the file status byte. When the files don't match, you will get a file-not-found message.

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CLOSE#+n

The instruction CLOSE#+n tells TFM that you are done processing an open file and it is to be closed. If the file was an output file, then TFM checks to see if any data remains in the buffer from output operations. If it does, the buffer is written to the tape and then a short trailer record is written. The logical file number n is used to open the file.

ERR Completion Status

TFM only returns a completion status for input operations. TFM will return the following status codes:

- 0—Normal Completion
- 1—End of Input File
- 4—Input Read (CKSUM) Error

A sample input routine is:

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100 INPUT#+1,AS:IF ERR=0 THEN
  GOTO 130
110 IF ERR=1 THEN CLOSE#+1:PRINT
  "END OF FILE, RUN":END
120 IF ERR=4 THEN ?"READ ERROR":
  CLOSE#+1:END
130 remainder of program goes here.
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Listing continued

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01540 EI: RET ;ENABLE INT IF DISK
01550 ; RETURN IF NON-DISK SYSTEM
01560 RET
01570 CKCKS EQU $
01580 CALL CKSUM ;A=CKSUM OF BLOCK
01590 LD B,A ;SAVE IT
01600 LD A,(RCK) ;A=CKSUM READ
01610 CP B ;EQUAL
01620 LD A,0 ;SET A=0
01630 RET Z ;YES
01640 LD A,4 ;SET
01650 RET

00010 ; ROUTINE: CLOSE TAPE FILE
00020 ; THIS ROUTINE WRITES OUT ANY UNFILLED BUFFER AND
00030 ; THEN WRITES A TRAILER BLOCK.
00050 ;
00060 TCLOSE EQU $
00070 CALL CHECK2 ;IS IT TAPE
00080 JP NZ,VCLOSE ;NO
00090 CALL SELCT2 ;SET FILE # TO CLOSE
00100 DEC HL ;BACK UP
00110 DEC HL ;TO BEFORE ':'
00120 JR Z,CLOSIN ;INPUT
00130 LD A,(IX+5) ; DATA LEFT TO WRITE?
00140 CP 0 ;CHECK IT
00150 LD (BLINE),HL ;SAVE ADDR(BLINE)
00160 CALL NZ,WRITEP ;YES-WRITE IT OUT
00170 LD (IX+5),02H ;BDW=2
00180 LD (IX+6),X'F0' ;RDW=F0
00190 LD (IX+7),X'0F' ;DATA=0F
00200 CALL WRITEP ;WRITE IT OUT
00210 LD HL,(BLINE) ;RELOAD BASIC LINE
00220 CLOSIN EQU $
00230 RES 7,(IX+3) ;SET STATUS=CLOSED
00240 RES 3,(IX+3) ;RESET EOF
00250 RES 5,(IX+3) ;SET NOT MOUNTED
00260 CALL ADVLIN ;ADVANCE TO END
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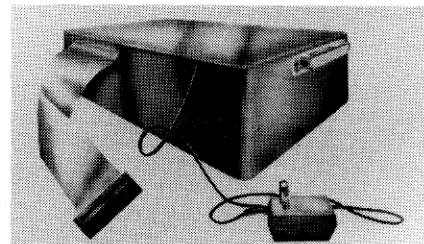
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00010 ; ROUTINE: INPUT TAPE VARIABLE
00020 ; THIS ROUTINE WILL READ A VARIABLE FROM TAPE INTO THE
00030 ; BASIC VARIABLE(S) LISTED IN THE INPUT STATEMENT UNTIL
00040 ; END OF FILE. BASIC 'IF ERR=1'
00050 ;
00060 TINPUT EQU $
00070 CALL CHECK2 ;IS IT TAPE OPERATION
00080 JP NZ,VINPUT ;NO-GO TO ORIG VECTOR
00090 CALL SELCT2 ;SELECT 2
00100 JP NZ,BFM ;BAD FILE MODE
00110 RPTIN EQU $
00120 CALL LUVAR ;LOOKUP VARIABLE
00130 LD (BLINE),HL ;SAVE BASIC LINE
00140 CALL READV ;READ VARIABLE
00150 LD HL,(BLINE) ;RELOAD BASIC LINE
00160 CALL ADVLIN ;NEXT VARIABLE
00170 JR NZ,RPTIN ;DO NEXT ONE
00180 POP BC ;REM RET TO KEYBD INPUT
00190 RET
00200 READV EQU $
00210 BIT 3,(IX+3) ;IS IT AT EOF
00220 RET NZ ;YES
00230 LD B,(IX+4) ;B= READ INDEX
00240 LD A,(IX+5) ;LOAD BDW
00250 CP B ;COMPARE TO BDW
00260 CALL Z,READP ;YES-READ BLOCK
00270 RET Z ;END OF FILE
00280 CALL SETBUF ;HL=BUFFER
00290 PUSH DE ;SAVE DE
00300 LD E,(IX+4) ;PU READ INDEX
00310 LD D,0 ;SET D=0
00320 HL,DE ;HL=ADDR(NEXT DATA)
00330 LD A,(HL) ;PU RDW
00340 POP DE ;RESTORE VAR PTRS
00350 LD B,A ;SAVE RDW
00360 LD A,(TYPE) ;LOAD VAR TYPE

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Listing continues

Blocking for Efficiency

You can use TFM blocking to your advantage. TFM stores data on tape by storing an RDW in the buffer for each data string to be written. Therefore, to use TFM blocking efficiently, do not write large variables, such as 255-byte strings, to tape. You will get only one variable per I/O if you write 255-byte strings. However, if you are writing smaller strings, such as 50 bytes, you will get five variables output per physical block. The algorithm for output blocking is as follows:

If the current block length plus LEN(V1\$) plus one is greater than 255, then the buffer is written to tape. Otherwise, the data and RDW is added to the current end of the buffer and the current block length is adjusted to reflect the new length.

TFM does not close any open files unless told to do so. So, if you edit your program with tape files open, they will remain open even after the edit. ■

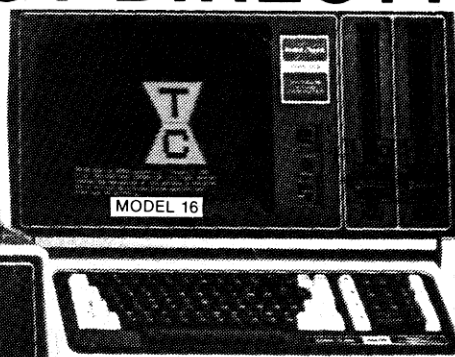
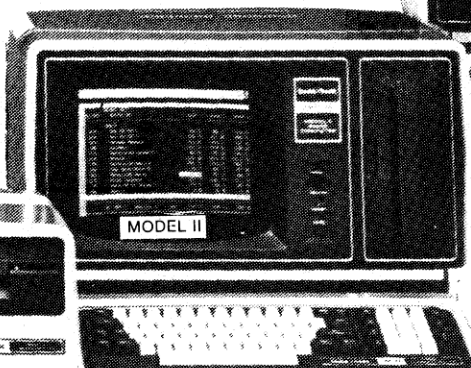
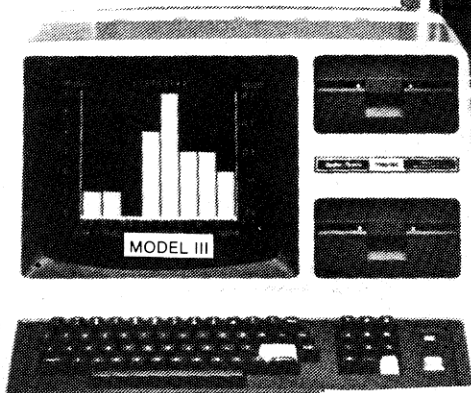
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00380      JR      Z,STR$ ;YES - STORE STRING
00390      CP      B      ;IS LENGTH(DATA)=TYPE
00400      JP      NZ,VTMM ;NO. VAR TYPE MISMATCH
00410      INC     HL      ;SKIP RDW
00420      LD      C,B     ;LEN IN C
00430      LD      B,0     ;B=0
00431      LDIR    ;MOVE DATA INTO VAR
00432      JR      NEWRIX ;MAKE NEW READ INDEX
00433      STR$    EQU     $
00434      LD      A,B     ;RESTORE LEN
00440      LD      (DE),A  ;SET NEW LEN
00450      INC     HL      ;ADD OF TEXT
00460      INC     DE      ;ADV TO ADD OF STR
00470      LD      (ISA),DE ;STORE ADDR OF TEXT
00480      ISA     EQU     $+1
00490      LD      (ISA),HL ;STORE ADDR OF TEXT
00491      NEWRIX  EQU     $
00500      LD      B,(IX+4) ;RELOAD READ INDEX
00510      ADD     A,B     ;ADD LEN TO IT
00520      INC     A      ;STORE INDEX OF NEXT
00530      LD      (IX+4),A ;STORE NEW INDEX
00540      RET
00550      READP   EQU     $
00560      BIT     3,(IX+3) ;IS IT AT EOF
00570      RET     NZ      ;YES
00580      PUSH    HL      ;SAVE HL
00590      PUSH    DE      ;SAVE DE
00600      CALL    SETBUF  ;SET BUFFER INTO HL
00610      CALL    MOUNT   ;MOUNT TAPE
00620      CALL    RDLDR   ;READ LEADER
00630      CALL    RTAPE   ;READ BDW
00640      LD      (IX+5),A ;STORE IT
00650      LD      B,A     ;SET READ LOOP
00660      RT1     EQU     $
00670      CALL    RTAPE   ;READ BYTE
00680      LD      (HL),A   ;STORE IT
00690      INC     HL      ;NEXT ONE
00700      DJNZ    RT1     ;REPEAT IF MORE
00710      CALL    RTAPE   ;READ CKSUM
00720      LD      (RCK),A ;STORE READ CKSUM
00730      CALL    STOPTH  ;STOP TAPE
00740      CALL    CKCKS   ;CHECK CKSUM
00750      LD      (ERR),A ;SET STATUS
00760      POP     DE      ;RESTORE DE
00770      POP     HL      ;RESTORE HL
00780      LD      A,0     ;SET READ
00790      LD      (IX+4),A ;INDEX TO 0
00800      ; THE FOLLOWING CODE CHECKS FOR EOF ;
00810      LD      A,(IX+5) ;LOAD BDW
00820      CP      2      ;IS IT TRAILER
00830      RET     NZ      ;RETURN IF NOT TRAILER
00840      LD      A,X'F0'  ;LOAD F0
00850      CP      (IX+6)  ;IS IT
00860      RET     NZ      ;RETURN IF NOT
00870      LD      A,X'0F'  ;IS IT X'OF'
00880      CP      (IX+7)  ;TRAILER??
00890      RET     NZ      ;NO
00900      SET     3,(IX+3) ;SET EOF
00910      LD      A,1     ;SET END OF FILE
00920      LD      (ERR),A ;IN ERR
00930      RET

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00010      ; ROUTINE: TPRINT DATA TO TAPE
00020      ; THIS ROUTINE WILL TAKE THE VAR(S) OR "STR" FROM
00030      ; THE PRINT#+D,V1,V2,V3 INSTRUCTION AND PUT INTO
00040      ; THE TAPE OUTPUT BUFFER UNTIL THE CURRENT BUFFER
00050      ; LENGTH + STR LENGTH > 255, THEN THE ENTIRE BUFFER
00060      ; IS WRITTEN OUT.
00070      ;

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00080      TPRINT  EQU     $
00090      CALL    CHECK2   ;IS IT TAPE OPER
00100      JP      NZ,VPRINT ;NO
00110      CALL    SELCT2  ;SET IT
00120      JP      Z,BFM   ;BAD FILE MODE
00130      TPRI    EQU     $
00140      LD      A,(HL)   ;PU BYTE
00150      CP      22H     ;IS IT LITERAL
00160      CALL    Z,BDPTR  ;BUILD POINTER
00170      CALL    NZ,LUVAR ;LOOKUP VARIABLE
00180      LD      (BLINE),HL ;SAVE ADDR(BLINE)
00190      CALL    WRITEL   ;WRITE VARIABLE
00200      LD      HL,(BLINE) ;RELOAD ADDR(BLINE)
00210      CALL    ADVLIN  ;ADVANCE TO NEXT/END
00220      JR      NZ,TPRI  ;NEXT VARIABLE
00230      POP     BC      ;REM RET TO PRINT RTN

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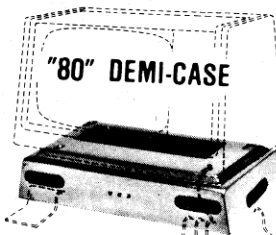
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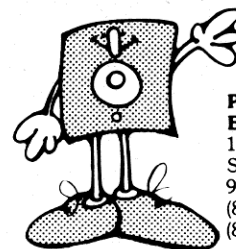
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00260		LD	C, (IX+5)	;LOAD BDW
00270		LD	A, (DE)	;PU VAR LEN
00280		CP	X'FF'	;IS IT MAX
00290		JR	NZ,NORMCK	;NO-NORMAL CK
00300		LD	A,0	;SET A=0
00310		CP	C	;ANY DATA TO WRITE
00320		CALL	NZ,WRITEP	;YES
00330		LD	A,X'FF'	;RELOAD LEN
00340		JR	NOWRC	
00350	NORMCK	EQU	\$	
00360		ADD	A,C	;ADD LEN OF BDW TO IT
00370		JR	C,WRC	;WRITE BUFFER (FULL)
00380		INC	A	;ADD 1 TO A
00390	WRC	EQU	\$	
00400		CALL	C,WRITEP	;BUFFER FULL-WRITE OUT
00410	NOWRC	EQU	\$	
00420		CALL	SETBUF	;HL=BUF
00430		LD	C, (IX+5)	;LOAD BDW
00440		LD	B,0	;B=0
00450		ADD	HL,BC	;ADD BDW TO BUFFER
00460		LD	A, (DE)	;RELOAD LEN
00470		ADD	A,C	;ADD TO A
00480		INC	A	;ADD 1 MORE
00490		LD	(IX+5),A	;STORE NEW BDW
00500		LD	A, (DE)	;RELOAD STR LEN
00510		LD	(HL),A	;STORE RDW
00520		OR	A	;IS IT NULL STRING
00530		JR	Z,NULLST	;YES
00540		LD	C,A	;SET LEN IN C
00550		INC	DE	;ADV TO ADDR(STR)
00560		LD	(LDDEL),DE	;SET ADDR TO LOAD FROM
00570		LD	DE,(LDDEL)	;DE=ADDR(STR)
00580	LDDEL	EQU	\$-2	
00590		INC	HL	;NEXT ONE
00600		EX	DE,HL	;SWAP DE/HL
00610		LDIR		;MOVE STRING INTO BUFFER
00620	NULLST	EQU	\$	
00630		LD	A, (IX+5)	;PU BDW
00640		CP	0	;IS IT ZERO
00650		CALL	Z,WRITEP	;WRITE OUT IF ZERO
00660		RET		
00670	WRITEP	EQU	\$	
00680		CALL	CKSUM	;CALC CKSUM
00690		LD	(RCK),A	;STORE WRITE CKSUM
00700		CALL	SETBUF	;SET BUFFER INTO HL
00710		CALL	MOUNT	;MOUNT TAPE
00720		LD	A,(NUMZ)	;PU NUM OF FOOF'S
00730		LD	B,A	;PUT INTO B
00740		SRL	B	;B/2
00750	WL1	EQU	\$	
00760		LD	A,X'F0'	;REPEAT
00770		CALL	WTAPE	;X'F00F'
00780		LD	A,X'0F'	;INSTEAD OF X'0000'
00790		CALL	WTAPE	;FOR SYNC
00800		DJNZ	WL1	;LEADER
00810		LD	A,X'A5'	;SYNC BYTE
00820		CALL	WTAPE	;WRITE IT
00830		LD	A, (IX+5)	;LOAD BDW
00840		LD	B,A	;SET LOOP
00850		CALL	WTAPE	;WRITE IT
00860	WT2	EQU	\$	
00870		LD	A, (HL)	;PU BYTE OF BUFFER
00880		CALL	WTAPE	;WRITE IT
00890		INC	HL	;NEXT
00900		DJNZ	WT2	;REPEAT
00910		LD	A, (RCK)	;LOAD WRITE CKSUM
00920		CALL	WTAPE	;WRITE IT OUT
00930		CALL	STOPTP	;STOP TAPE
00940		LD	A,0	;SET
00950		LD	(IX+5),A	;NEW BDW=0
00960		RET		

00010	;	ROUTINE:	ERROR ROUTINES
00020	;	THESE ARE THE ERROR ROUTINES.	
00040	;		
00050	IFNO	EQU	\$;INVALID FILE NUMBER
00060		LD	HL,ERRBFN
00070	ERREXX	EQU	\$
00080		CALL	ERROR
00090		JP	EDIT
00100	FAOP	EQU	\$;FILE ALREADY OPEN
00110		LD	HL,ERRFO
00120		JR	ERREXX

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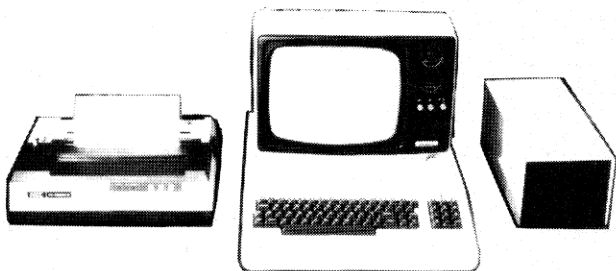
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00140		LD	HL,ERRBDN	
00150		JR	ERREXX	
00160	IFO	EQU	\$	;INVALID FILE OPTION (I/O)
00170		LD	HL,ERRIFO	
00180		JR	ERREXX	
00190	VTMM	EQU	\$	;VARIABLE TYPE MISMATCH
00191		OR	30H	;SET PRINTABLE DEC
00192		LD	(VARTYP),A	;VARIABLE TYPE
00193		LD	A,B	;SET TAPE TYPE
00194		OR	30H	;SET PRINTABLE
00195		CP	3AH	;COMPARE TO 3A
00196		JR	C,OKTPRT	;OK TO PRINT
00197		LD	A,33H	;SET STRING
00198	OKTPRT	EQU	\$	
00199		LD	(DATYP),A	;STORE TAPE TYPE
00200		LD	HL,ERRTMM	
00210		JR	ERREXX	
00220	VTL	EQU	\$	;VARIABLE TOO LONG
00230		LD	HL,ERRVTL	
00240		JR	ERREXX	
00250	FC	EQU	\$	;FILE ALREADY CLOSED
00260		LD	HL,ERRFC	
00270		JR	ERREXX	
00280	BFM	EQU	\$	;BAD FILE MODE
00290		LD	HL,ERRBFM	
00300		JR	ERREXX	
00310	FNF	EQU	\$	;FILE NOT FOUND
00320		LD	HL,ERRFNF	
00330	ERX2	EQU	\$	
00340		RES	5,(IX+3)	
00350		JR	ERREXX	
00360	NDF	EQU	\$	;NOT DATA FILE
00370		LD	HL,ERRNDF	;ERROR MESSAGE
00380		JR	ERX2	
00390	EDIT	EQU	\$	
00400		LD	HL,(40A2H)	;PU CURRENT LINE
00410		LD	DE,X'FFFF'	;SET DE=FFFF
00420		RST	18H	;COMPARE HL TO DE
00430		JP	BEDIT	;JUMP TO BASIC EDIT

00010		DSEG		
00020	NOPEN:	JP	TOPEN	;NEW
00030	NCLOSE:	JP	TCLOSE	;TAPE
00040	NINPUT:	JP	TINPUT	;MANAGEMENT
00050	NPRINT:	JP	TPRINT	;VECTORS
00060	VOPEN:	DS	3	;OLD OPEN VECTOR
00070	VCLOSE:	DS	3	;OLD CLOSE VECTOR
00080	VINPUT:	DS	3	;OLD INPUT VECTOR
00090	VPRINT:	DS	3	;OLD PRINT VECTOR
00100	ERRFO:	DB	'FILE ALREADY OPEN',0	
00110	ERRFC:	DB	'FILE ALREADY CLOSED',0	
00120	ERRTMM:	DB	'VARIABLE TYPE MISMATCH. VAR-'	
00121	VARTYP:	DB	32H,', DATA-'	
00122	DATYP:	DB	30H,0	
00130	ERRVTL:	DB	'VARIABLE TOO LONG',0	
00140	ERRBFM:	DB	'BAD FILE NUMBER',0	
00150	ERRFNF:	DB	'FILE NOT FOUND',0	
00160	ERRBDN:	DB	'BAD DRIVE NUMBER',0	
00170	ERRIFO:	DB	'INVALID FILE OPTION(I/O)',0	
00180	ERRBFM:	DB	'BAD FILE MODE',0	
00190	ERRNDF:	DB	'NOT DATA FILE',0	
00200	DUMLEN:	DB	00H	;LEN FOR DUMMY STRING
00210	DUMADD:	DW	0000H	;ADDR OF STRING TEXT
00220	BLINE:	DW	0000H	;HOLD AREA FOR MOST
00230				;CURRENTLY SAVED HL
00240	RCK:	DB	00H	
00250	NUMZ:	DB	00H	
00260	FILE1	EQU	\$	
00270		REPT	2	
00280		DB	00H	;FILE VAR LEN
00290		DW	0000H	;FILE NAME ADDRESS
00300		DB	00000000B	;FILE STATUS BYTE
00310	;BIT	MEANS		
00320	; 7	0-CLOSE,1-OPEN		
00330	; 6	RESERVED		
00340	; 5	MOUNTED 0-NO,1-YES		
00350	; 4	0-INPUT,1-OUTPUT		
00360	; 3	1-INPUT AT EOF		
00370	; 2	RESERVED		
00380	; 1	LOGICAL FILE NUMBER		
00390	; 0	DRIVE NUMBER		
00400		DB	00H	;READ INDEX FOR BUFFER
00410		DB	00H	;BLOCK DESCRIPTOR
00420		DS	256	;I/O BUFFER
00430	ENDM			
00440	END	ENTRY		

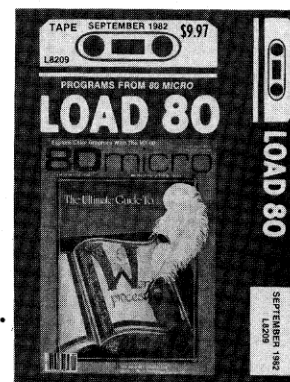
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Kitchen Table Inc. has just released an early version of its disk operating system, DROSSDOS/8E. The new DOS is compatible with the Basic Misinterpreter, reviewed in *80 Micro* in April 1982.

DROSSDOS reacts, in varying degrees, to 41 different DOS commands. Type Verify, for example, and the program asks for your name twice. If both answers are the same it reports "That is correct." Ask to kill a file, and it playfully responds it accidentally destroyed the wrong file. Those wishing to invoke PROT are informed that access is denied because they are deemed not intelligent enough to understand that command. When using Free, the operator is charged \$5 by the computer. Copy checks to see if the program being duplicated is copyrighted, and I won't even tell you what happens when you type Debug.

How it Works

Like most modern disk operating systems, DROSSDOS does not reside entirely in the computer's memory at one time. Instead, it pulls in a series of System overlays

to accomplish commands. Writing these System programs is very time-consuming. The Kitchen Table programmers were tempted to take some small short cuts. Thus was born DROSSDOS/8E, which uses NEWDOS80 for most of its routines.

For example, there are two ways of providing a user with a disk directory. One method would be to write a long disk I/O routine. But DROSSDOS accomplishes the same task with a single, elegant command:

CMD"DIR." The only drawback is that you must own NEWDOS80 to use this version of DROSSDOS. Many of the functions work under TRSDOS, LDOS or earlier versions of NEWDOS. Many will not. But considering the general confusion surrounding KTI products, the programmers did not feel this was much of a limitation.

Recognized commands are stored in data lines and read into a string array, CM\$(n). The DROSSDOS/8E Ready prompt

Program Listing. DROSSDOS/8E and ?BASIC

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1 ' *****
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*
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*
3 ' *****

10 CLEAR 8000
15 DEFINT A-Z
20 DIM CM$(50)
25 DIM ES(18),CP$(200),SP$(18)
30 : FOR N=1 TO 41
40 : READ CM$(N)
50 : NEXT N
60 DATA APPEND,ATTRIB,AUTO,BASIC,BLINK,BOOT,BREAK,CHAIN,CHNON,CL
EAR,CLOCK,CLS,COPY,CREATE,DATE,DEBUG,DIR ,DO,DUMP,ERROR,FORMAT,F
REE,HIMEM,JKL,KILL,LC,LCDVR,LIB,LIST,LOAD,PAUSE,PDRIVE,PRINT,PRO
T,PURGE
70 DATA RENAME,ROUTE,SYSTEM,TIME,VERIFY,WRDIRP
71 DATA 191,131,131,189,32,191,131,131,189,32,190,131,131,189,32
,190,131,131,32,190,131,131,32,32,32,32,184,135,32,191,131,131,1
89,32,190,131,131,189,32
72 DATA 190,131,131,32,32,32,32,75,73,84,67,72,69,78
73 DATA 191,32,32,191,32,191,131,175,145,32,191,32,32,191,32,178

74 DATA 131,171,148,178,131,171,148,32,160,158,129,32,32,191,32,
32,191,32,191,32,32,191,32,178,131,171,148
75 DATA 32,32,32,32,84,65,66,76,69
76 DATA 131,131,131,129,32,131,32,32,131,32,130,131,131,129,32,1
30,131,131,32,130,131,131,32,32,131,32,32,32,32,131,131,131,32,3
2,130,131,131,129,3
,130,131,131,32,32,32,32,32,32,73,78,67,46
79 CLS:FOR N=1 TO 53:READ A:POKE N+15360,A:NEXT N:FOR N=65 TO 11
6:READ A:POKE N+15360,A:NEXT N:FOR N=129 TO 180:READ A:POKE N+15
360,A:NEXT N
80 PRINT @ 256,"";
90 PRINT"DROSSDOS/8E READY"

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is displayed, and the user's command input in line 100. A For...Next loop checks for the presence of each of the valid commands (through INSTR, line 120). If one is present, control jumps to line 150, the world's longest On...GOTO statement. If no recognized command is found, the computer responds with a helpful "Huh?"

The rest of the program consists of the computer's response to the commands. In some cases user input (A\$) is paired with CMD so the DOS function can be carried out from Disk Basic. In other cases, the command is refused, with a plausible excuse given. Other routines perform some task designed to discourage the user from ever employing that command again.

How to Combine with Basic Misinterpreter

DROSSDOS/8E can be used alone, or, following the instructions with this review, merged with ?BASIC to provide an ersatz operating combination. Then you may travel between DROSSDOS and ?BASIC, using CMD"S" and BASIC. Or, invent a command of your own. Unlike other software, Kitchen Table programs are remarkably forgiving. Because it is written in Basic, DROSSDOS is probably the easiest DOS to debug.

If you have ?BASIC, remove the Clear statement, the DIM statement and renumber so the lowest line number is 10000. Use 10-line increments, so there will be room for additional routines.

Save the program using the A option

(SAVE"BASIC/BAS",A") and then merge it with DROSSDOS/BAS. Next, add this line: 10195 BFLAG = 1. Make sure program control in line 905 passes either to line 10190 or whatever line in your renumbered program is after the array reading statements in ?BASIC.

Finally, add a CMS"S" command to the program to allow going back to DROSSDOS as necessary. Use a line like this:

```
10232 Y$="CMD"+CHR$(34)+"S": IF LEFT$(A$,5)=Y$
      THEN CMD"VERIFY":CLS:GOTO 100
```

When CMD"S" is entered from ?BASIC, the system will first activate the disk drives through the Verify command, chosen because it starts up the drives without printing anything to the screen. A POKE could also be used, but it was quicker to type Verify than look up the correct location in a memory map. Next, the screen will clear and control will transfer back to DROSSDOS.

Jumping from DROSSDOS to ?BASIC has already been taken care of. When Basic is entered, control passes to line 900, where the sneaky Verify command is carried out, and an imaginative "BASIC by Kitchen Table, Inc" is printed.

I hope you enjoy this Basic version of DROSSDOS/8E as much as I enjoyed sneaking it past Kitchen Table Inc.'s security guards. In the future, I may be able to leak Basic versions of SUPERDUPERZAP and other utilities which are not powerful or elegant, but will be very, very cheap. ■

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```
100 LINEINPUT A$
110 : FOR E=1 TO 41
120 : IF INSTR(A$,CM$(E))<>0 GOTO 150
130 : NEXT E
140 PRINT"HUH?":GOTO 100
150 ON E GOTO 160,170,180,190,200,210,220,230,240,250,260,270,280,330,340,350,460,490,500,510,520,530,540,550,560,590,600,610,630,640,650,720,730,740,750,770,800,810,820,830,870

155 ' ***** DOS STATEMENTS AND ROUTINES *****

160 PRINT"SORRY, APPEND DOES NOT WORK WELL. TRY ";CHR$(34);" MERGE";CHR$(34):GOTO 100
170 PRINT CHR$(34);"ATTRIB";CHR$(34);"-- WHERE LOU GRANT WORKS.":GOTO 100
180 PRINT"SORRY. COMMAND TEMPORARILY OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE NUMBER PROGRAM LINES YOURSELF.":GOTO 100
190 GOTO 900
200 FOR G=1 TO 10:PRINT CHR$(23):FOR H=1 TO 10:NEXT H:CLS:PRINT"*";:NEXT G:CLS:GOTO 100
210 PRINT"NO":GOTO 100
220 CLS:FOR N=1 TO 1024 STEP 65:POKE 15360+N,191:NEXT N:PRINT @800,"";:GOTO 100
230 PRINT"CHAINING NOT ALLOWED DURING EVEN NUMBERED YEARS":GOTO 100
240 PRINT "USELESS COMMAND":GOTO 100
250 FOR N=1 TO 4:PRINT STRING$(255,191);:NEXT N:GOTO 100
260 FOR G=1 TO 10:FOR Y=1 TO 59:PRINT @ 53,"00:00: ";Y,:NEXT Y:NEXT G:PRINT:PRINT"MY HOW TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!":GOTO 100
270 GOTO 250
280 PRINT "IF, DURING COPY, THIS PROGRAM IS DETERMINED TO BE"
290 PRINT" COPYRIGHTED, YOUR NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE"
300 PRINT" PROPER AUTHORITIES. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED."
310 CMD A$
320 GOTO 100
330 PRINT"OKAY":GOTO 100
340 PRINT"DATING SERVICE CLOSED":GOTO 100
350 FOR G=1 TO 5
360 FOR T=64 TO 120
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370 PRINT @ T,CHR$(32);"*****O";
380 NEXT T
390 PRINT @ 120,STRING$(8,32);
400 NEXT G
410 FOR N=1 TO 5
420 PRINT @ 120,STRING$(8,191);
430 PRINT @ 120,STRING$(8,32);
440 NEXT N
450 GOTO 100
460 PRINT"GOOD IDEA! I'M CURIOUS, TOO."
470 FOR G=1 TO 100:NEXT G
480 CMD A$:GOTO 100
490 PRINT"NO CHAINING ALLOWED DURING EVEN MONTHS":GOTO 100
500 PRINT"OOPS. CODE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DUMPED FROM MEMORY":GOT
O 100
510 PRINT "EROR":GOTO 100
520 PRINT"WORST CASE FORMAT COMING UP. ARE YOU IN FOR A SURPRISE
":CMD A$:GOTO 100
530 CMD A$:PRINT "THAT WILL BE $5.00 PLEASE":GOTO 100
540 PRINT "YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING":CMD A$:GOTO 100
550 CMD A$:CMD A$:PRINT"EXTRA PRINTOUT FREE OF CHARGE":GOTO 100
560 CMD A$:PRINT"OOPS. I THINK I JUST KILLED THE WRONG FILE."
570 PRINT"HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE HASH INDEX TABLE?"
580 GOTO 100
590 PRINT"USELESS COMMAND":GOTO 100
600 GOTO 590
610 CMD A$:PRINT"OVERDUE","CHECKOUT","REFERENCE ONLY"
620 GOTO 100
630 PRINT" 1 -- LOAF BREAD":PRINT" 2 -- QUART MILK":PRINT" 3
-- PICK UP JIMMY AT CUB SCOUTS":GOTO 100
640 CMD A$:PRINT"WARNING! FILE LOADED INTO ROM!":GOTO 100
650 T$="PAUSE"
660 FOR G=1 TO 5
670 PRINT MID$(T$,G,1);
680 FOR N=1 TO 200:NEXT N
690 NEXT G
700 PRINT
710 GOTO 100
720 CMD A$:PRINT"DO YOU HAVE A PDRIVER'S LICENSE?":GOTO 100
730 PRINT "NO. MY SCREEN IS SORE TODAY":GOTO 100
740 PRINT"ACCESS DENIED. YOU ARE NOT SMART ENOUGH TO USE THIS C
OMMAND":GOTO 100
750 PRINT" PURGE MODULE:"
760 PRINT "ENTER NAME OF PERSON TO BE BLACKLISTED":GOTO 100
770 PRINT "SURPRISE! I RENAMED THE FILE AND WON'T TELL YOU"
780 PRINT "WHAT I NAMED IT. HOPE YOU DIDN'T NEED IT FOR SOMETHI
NG"
790 GOTO 100
800 PRINT"BAD PLAN. PLEASE RECONSIDER":GOTO 100
810 PRINT"I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING":CMD A$:GOTO 100
820 PRINT" REAL TIME CLOCK HAS STOPPED. PLEASE WIND IT UP":GOTO
100
830 INPUT "ENTER YOUR NAME";C$
840 INPUT "PLEASE RE-ENTER YOUR NAME";D$
850 IF C$=D$ THEN PRINT "THAT IS CORRECT" ELSE PRINT"SOMETHING I
S WRONG HERE"
860 GOTO 100
870 PRINT"IF YOU UNDERSTAND THIS COMMAND, PLEASE NOTIFY"
880 PRINT"KITCHEN TABLE IMMEDIATELY!"
890 GOTO 100
900 CMD"VERIFY":CLS:PRINT"?BASIC BY KITCHEN TABLE,INC.":PRINT
905 IF BFLAG=1 GOTO 10190

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1000 '          END OF DROSSDOS
          ?BASIC APPENDED
          FOR DEMONSTRATION

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10010 WRDS=18
10020 LS=200
10040 Q$=CHR$(34)
10050 C$=CHR$(58)
10060 SP$=CHR$(32)
10080 ' ***** READ WORDS INTO ARRAY *****

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10090 :   FOR N=1 TO WRDS
10100 :   READ SPAN$(N)
10110 :   READ E$(N)
10120 :   E$(N)=SP$+E$(N)
10130 :   SPAN$(N)=SP$+SPAN$(N)
10140 :   NEXT N
10150 GOTO 10190

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10160 DATA IF,OF,RUN,RAN,INPUT,IMP,UT,LIST,LAST,END,FIN,PRINT,PLI
MT,READ,REED,DATA,DADA,THEN,THAN,FAR,STOP,STEP,NEXT,NXET
10170 DATA CLS,CSL,GOTO,GOOT,RESTORE,RESTART,GOSUB,GSUNK,RETURN,
RETRNU,ON,IN

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10180 '***** INPUT PROGRAM LINE *****

10190 PRINT ">";
10195 BFLAG=1
10200 B2=0
10210 LINE INPUT A$

10220 '***** CHECK FOR 'COMMAND' *****

10230 IF LEFT$(A$, 4)="LIST" GOTO 10900
10231 Y$="CMD"+CHR$(34)+"S"
10232 IF LEFT$(A$,5)=Y$ THEN CMD"VERIFY":GOTO 80
10240 IF LEFT$(A$, 4)="SAVE" GOTO 10710
10250 IF LEFT$(A$,4)="LOAD" GOTO 10830
10260 IF LEFT$(A$,3)="RUN" THEN RUN
10270 IF LEFT$(A$,3)="NEW" THEN RUN
10280 IF LEFT$(A$,5)="PRINT" GOTO 11270
10290 IF LEFT$(A$,4)="EDIT" GOTO 11310
10300 IF A$="" :GOTO 10190

10310 '***** CHECK FOR QUOTES OR COLONS *****

10320 A$=A$+CHR$(32)
10330 B=INSTR(A$, Q$)
10340 C=INSTR(A$, C$)
10350 IF C=0 AND B=0 GOTO 10460
10360 IF B=0 GOTO 10440

10370 '***** FIND POSITION OF SECOND QUOTATION MARK *****

10380 W$=MID$(A$, B+1)
10390 B2=INSTR(W$, Q$)+B
10400 IF C<B GOTO 10440
10410 IF C>B2 GOTO 10440
10420 GOTO 10460

10430 ' ***** IF COLON OUTSIDE QUOTES - TWO STATEMENTS *****

10440 IF C<>0 THEN PRINT"ONLY ACCEPTING ONE STATEMENT PER LINE T
ODAY":GOTO 10190

10450 '***** CHECK FOR BEGINNING LINE NUMBER *****

10460 TST$=""
10470 : FOR T=1 TO LEN(A$)
10480 : IF MID$(A$, T, 1)=CHR$(32) GOTO 10520
10490 : TST$=TST$+MID$(A$, T, 1)
10500 : NEXT T

10510 ' ***** IF LINE NUMBER VALID, ASSIGN TO ARRAY POINTER LN
*****

10520 LN=VAL(TST$)
10530 IF LN>LS THEN LN=LS-9
10540 IF LN<1 PRINT "HUH?":GOTO 10190

10550 '***** LOOP TO SEARCH FOR ALL KEYWORDS *****

10560 : FOR G=1 TO WR
10570 : Y=INSTR(A$,SPAN$(G))
10580 : IF Y>0 GOTO 10640
10590 : NEXT G

10600 '***** ASSIGN LINE TO FINISHED PROGRAM ARRAYS *****

10610 CP$(LN)=A$
10620 GOTO 10190

10630 '***** CHECK TO SEE IF KEYWORD IN QUOTES *****

10640 IF Y<B GOTO 10670
10650 IF Y>B2 GOTO 10670
10660 GOTO 10590
10670 L=LEN(E$(G))
10680 ' ***** SUBSTITUTE PHONEY KEYWORD *****

10690 MID$(A$, Y, L)=E$(G)
10700 GOTO 10590

10710 '***** SAVE PROGRAM TO DISK *****

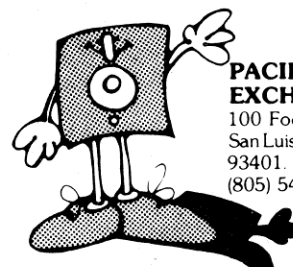
10720 GOSUB 10730:GOTO 10760
10730 NE$=MID$(A$,INSTR(A$,CHR$(34))+1)
10740 IF RIGHT$(NE$,1)=Q$ THEN NE$=LEFT$(NE$, (LEN(NE$)-1))
10750 RETURN
10760 OPEN "O",1, NE$
10770 : FOR N=1 TO LS

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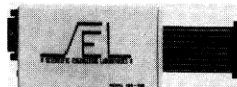
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10780 : PRINT #1, CP$(N); CHR$(13);
10790 : NEXT N
10800 CLOSE 1
10810 GOTO 10190
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10820 '***** LOAD PROGRAM FROM DISK *****
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```
10830 GOSUB 10730
10840 OPEN "I",1, NE$
10850 : FOR N=1 TO LS
10860 : LINE INPUT #1, CP$(N)
10870 : NEXT N
10880 CLOSE 1
10890 GOTO 10190
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10900 '***** LIST SUBROUTINE *****
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10910 C4=INSTR(A$,"-");IF C4<1 GOTO 11130
10920 C3=INSTR(A$,"LIST")
10930 ST$=MID$(A$,C3+4)
10940 L1=VAL(ST$)
10950 IF L1>LS THEN L1=LS-10
10960 C5=INSTR(ST$,"-")
10970 ST$=MID$(ST$,C5)
10980 IF LEN(ST$)=1 THEN L2=LS:GOTO 11090
10990 ST$=RIGHT$(ST$,(LEN(ST$)-1))
11000 L2=VAL(ST$)
11010 IF L2>LS THEN L2=LS-5
11020 GOTO 11090
11030 : FOR N=L1 TO LS
11040 : IF CP$(N)<>" " PRINT CP$(N)
11050 : NEXT N
11060 PRINT
11070 GOTO 10190
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11080 '***** LIST LINE NUMBER RANGE *****
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11090 : FOR N=L1 TO L2
11100 : IF CP$(N)<>" " PRINT CP$(N)
11110 : NEXT N
11120 GOTO 10190
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11130 '***** LIST SPECIFIC LINE OF PROGRAM *****
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11140 V=INSTR(A$, SP$)
11150 IF V=0 GOTO 11220
11160 V2$=MID$(A$, V)
11170 V3=VAL(V2$)
11180 IF V3>0 THEN PRINT CP$(V3) ELSE GOTO 11220
11190 PRINT
11200 GOTO 10190
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11210 '***** LIST ALL PROGRAM LINES *****
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```
11220 CLS
11230 : FOR N=1 TO LS
11240 : IF CP$(N)<>" " PRINT CP$(N)
11250 : NEXT N
11260 GOTO 10190
11270 S$=MID$(A$,INSTR(A$,"PRINT")+5)
11280 PRINT S$
11290 GOTO 10190
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11300 '***** EDIT LINE *****
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11310 LN=VAL(MID$(A$,(INSTR(A$,"EDIT")+4)))
11320 IF CP$(LN)<>" " GOTO 11350
11330 PRINT "UNDEFINED LINE NUMBER"
11340 GOTO 10190
11350 PRINT LN;
11360 CU=INSTR(CP$(LN),CHR$(32))
11370 I$=INKEY$:IF I$="" GOTO 11370
11380 IF VAL(I$)>0 THEN NU=VAL(I$)
11390 IF I$="C" GOSUB 11460
11400 IF I$="D" GOSUB 11460
11410 IF I$="I" GOSUB 11460
11420 IF I$=CHR$(8) GOSUB 11520
11430 IF I$=CHR$(32) PRINT MID$(CP$(LN),CU,1);CU=CU+1
11440 IF I$=CHR$(13) PRINT:GOTO 10190
11450 GOTO 11370
11460 R$=INKEY$:IF R$="" GOTO 11460
11470 IF R$=CHR$(27) GOTO 11490
11480 MID$(CP$(LN),CU,1)=R$
11490 PRINT CHR$(8);
11500 CU=CU+1
11510 RETURN
11520 PRINT CHR$(8);:RETURN
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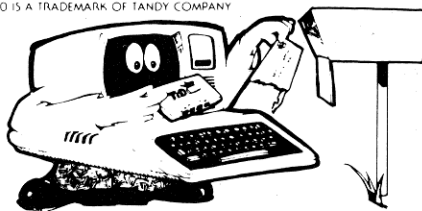
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Changing Color Basic's ubiquitous prompt.

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I am impressed with the TRS-80 Color Computer but bored with Basic's prompt. The blinking cursor makes me nervous when I am thinking.

In addition, even though space is tight in the Color Basic

ROM, three more bytes would have provided a slightly more informative prompt than the terse OK we now have. Exactly what is okay about spending four hours entering a Lunar Lander program only to get—

?OM ERROR IN LINE 843
OK

I thought it impossible to

change a computer's ROM until discovering the jump table in RAM containing vectors to other ROMs or RAM. Color Basic has a jump table at decimal addresses 350-424, with decimal 57 in each location. Decimal 57 is the microprocessor op code for return from subroutine (RTS). When Color Basic jumps to a subroutine in this area, it im-

mediately returns from the subroutine.

Extended Color Basic changes the contents of thirty locations in the jump table. These changes are of the form:

126, MSB, LSB

where decimal 126 is the microprocessor op code for jump (JMP), MSB is the most significant byte of the jump address and LSB is the least significant byte. When Extended Color Basic jumps to a subroutine at one of these locations, it jumps to a routine in the Extended Color Basic ROM.

Just prior to outputting a character, the Color Computer jumps to a subroutine located at decimal address 359. When the normal prompt is about to be displayed, the X register of the microprocessor contains

Program Listing

```
10 REM***CHANGE PROMPT AND CURSOR***
20 'by Ed Deming 11/81
30 '
40 A=PEEK(39)*256+PEEK(40)-326:REM Highest address for BASIC
50 CLEAR 255,A
60 A=INT((PEEK(39)*256+PEEK(40)+326)/1000)*1024-1:REM Top RAM address
70 CLS:PRINT@6,"NEW CURSOR AND PROMPT":PRINT@40,"FOR COLOR BASIC"
80 INPUT"CURSOR CHARACTER";C$
90 C=PEEK(1106):REM Get cursor from screen
100 PRINT"YOUR NEW PROMPT IS:"
110 LINE INPUT P$
120 B=A-77-LEN(P$):REM Start address for machine language program
130 FOR X=B TO A
140 READ D
150 IF D>300 THEN200
160 POKE X,D
170 NEXT
180 GOSUB290
190 EXECB:END
200 ON D-300 GOTO210,230,280
210 POKE X, C:REM POKE Cursor character
220 GOTO170
230 FOR Y=X TO X+LEN(P$)-1:REM Once for each character in P$
240 P=Y-X+1:REM Character position in P$
250 POKE Y, ASC(MID$(P$,P,1)):REM POKE each character value
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Listing continues

The Key Box

Color Basic or
Extended Color Basic
Color Computer
4K RAM

decimal 44015, and the sub-routines are nested four deep.

In Table 1, lines 220-280 list the machine language program I came up with to change the prompt. It is position independent, locatable anywhere in memory.

When the Color Computer goes to get a character, it first jumps to a subroutine located at decimal address 362. Lines 170-210 of Table 1 list the machine language program for changing the cursor to any character. A routine to initialize the computer for the other two routines is in lines 0A0-160.

The Extended Color Basic program (Program Listing) will provide you with a new cursor character, a new prompt and will POKE it into protected memory. It then saves the machine language program on tape and runs the initialization routine. Be aware that successive runs of this program will nibble away at available memory.

To get the same cursor character and prompt the next

time you turn on your computer, protect enough memory (Clear), load the machine language program and enter EXEC.

Modifications of the Table 1 machine language routines for those of you without Extended Color Basic are provided in Table 2. Color Basic should be able to run the program in Listing 1 by modifying lines 100-110 and the data statements, and by deleting lines 180 and 280-330.

OK. ■

Listing continued

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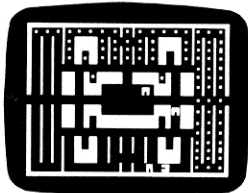
260 NEXT
270 X=Y-1:GOTO170:REM Update X; return to main loop
280 PRINT"ERROR":STOP
290 LINE INPUT"HIT ENTER WHEN TAPE IS READY";RS
300 CSAVEM"PRT/CURS",B,A,B:REM Save machine language program
310 INPUT"ANOTHER COPY";RS
320 RS=LEFT$(RS,1)
330 IF RS="Y"THEN290ELSE RETURN
340 DATA142, 1,103,204,126,301,167,128, 51,140, 49,239,129,167,128
350 DATA 51,140, 15,239,129,215,148,204, 0,200, 52, 6, 48,140, 2,
    126,174, 90
360 DATA 15,112, 13,111, 39, 3,126,140,241, 50, 98, 52, 20,214,148,
    231,159, 0,136,189,161,193, 39,251,126,161,185
370 DATA140,171,239, 38, 8, 48,140, 7, 50,102,126,172,121,126,130,
    115,302, 13, 0,303

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010	CCRPOS	EQU	88	
020	CURHLD	EQU	94	
030	DEVNUM	EQU	6F	
040	EXGET	EQU	8CF1	
050	EXPRTN	EQU	8273	
060	GRTN	EQU	A1B9	
070	POLCAT	EQU	A1C1	
080	PRTCLR	EQU	AE5A	
090	WRMSTR	EQU	AC79	
	Initialize			
0A0	8E0167	LDX	#167	Jump table address
0B0	CC7E7E	LDD	#7E7E	Jump in A; Cursor in B
0C0	A780	STA	,X+	Store jump; advance
0D0	338C31	LEAU	PROMPT, PCR	Address of Prompt
0E0	EF81	STU	,X++	in jump table; advance
0F0	A780	STA	,X+	Store jump; advance
100	338C0F	LEAU	CURSOR, PCR	Address of Cursor
110	EF81	STU	,X++	in jump table; advance
120	D794	STB	\$CURHLD	Store Cursor
130	CC00C8	LDD	#C8	String space
140	3406	PSHS	B,A	Save it
150	308C02	LEAX	END, PCR	Top of Basic memory
160	7EAE	JMP	\$\$PRTCLR	CLEAR and return to Basic
5A		END		
170	0F70	CURSOR	CLR	\$70
180	0D6F		TST	\$DEVNUM
190	2703		BEQ	GETCHR
1A0	7E8CF1		JMP	\$\$EXGET
1B0	3262	GETCHR	LEAS	2,S
1C0	3414		PSHS	X,B
1D0	D694		LDB	\$CURHLD
1E0	E79F0088		STB	[CCRPOS]
1F0	BDA1C1	LOOP	JSR	\$\$POLCAT
200	27FB		BEQ	LOOP
210	7EA1B9		JMP	\$\$GRTN
220	8CABEF	PROMPT	CMPX	#ABEF
230	2608		BNE	EXIT
240	308C07		LEAX	DATA,PCR
250	3266		LEAS	6,S
260	7EAC79		JMP	\$\$WRMSTR
270	7E82	EXIT	JMP	\$\$EXPRTN
73		DATA		
280	52454144			
	5920464F			READY FOR ENTRY ED.
	5220454E			
	54525920			
	45442E0D			
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Table 1. All numbers are in hex

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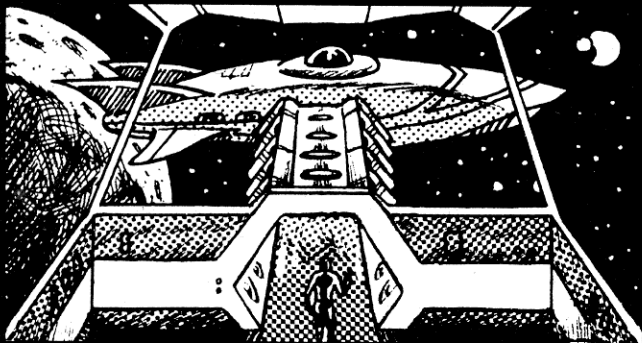
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0D0	338C2F	LEAU	PROMPT, PCR	Address of Prompt
1A0	39	EXIT	RTS	No
230	26D8		BNE	EXIT
240	308C04		LEAX	DATA, PCR
260	7EAC		JMP	\$\$WRMSTR
79		DATA		
270			DELETE	

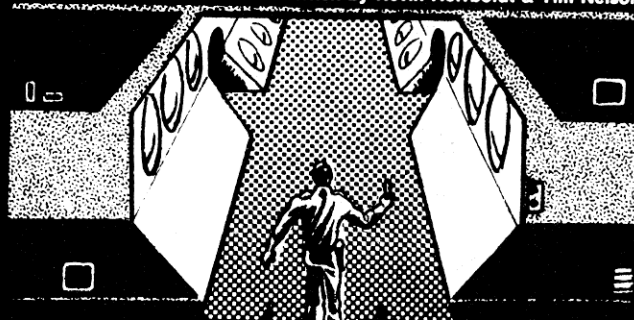
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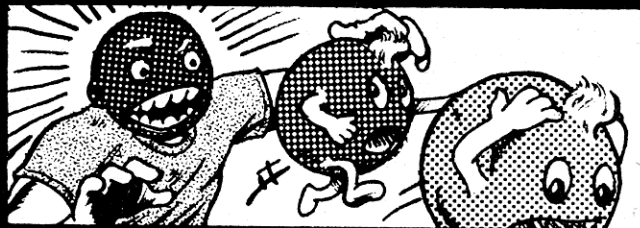
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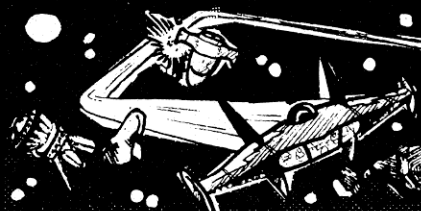
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and links are installed which effectively make this code an extension of the Basic interpreter. The new commands, CMD"B" and CMD"Q", are now active.

How to Use BASTEP

First, key in the Basic program (Listing 1) and save to tape or disk. You may omit the REMs, but take a few minutes to carefully check the Data lines (10 and 20). You should have 29 items, each 14 characters in length.

On power-up (Level II) or Basic/BASICR entry (DOS), reply <Enter> to Memory Size? (BASTEP does its own setting of this value). Now load and run BASTEP. It will take about 28 seconds, during which the message "Building BASTEP Machine Code" will be displayed on the screen with a flashing asterisk.

When the run finishes, BASTEP will display the start address of the machine code and the new memory size setting.

Next, load the Basic program you wish to test. Type CMD"B" and Run. A number will appear at the bottom right corner of the screen. If the first line in the program is 10, you'll see #00010. Touch any key and line 10 will be executed, and the next line will be displayed in the same spot. Each time a line number is displayed, the system will halt execution until you touch a key, then proceed with that line.

As soon as you touch a key to proceed with the displayed line number, say 1250, the #01250 is erased from the screen. That tells you that line 1250 is executing. If you don't see a new line number within a reasonable period of time, line 1250 may be looping within itself. In such cases, BASTEP deliberately avoids re-displaying the line number after the first time.

BASTEP differentiates between a quick touch (one fourth second or less) and holding a key down. If you do the latter, BASTEP allows that keystroke to be passed to Basic when execution resumes. In most cases, Basic will ignore it anyway, but this can be a useful feature if you're about to

Listing 2 continued

STRING POINTER					
BF3D 23	00160	INC	HL		;POINT TO STRING ADD
RESS					
BF3E 5E	00170	LD	E,(HL)		;STRING ADDRESS TO D
E					
BF3F 23	00180	INC	HL		
BF40 56	00190	LD	D,(HL)		
BF41 EB	00200	EX	DE,HL		;STRING ADDRESS TO H
L					
BF42 2B	00210	DEC	HL		;STEP BACK
BF43 D7	00220	RST	10H		;INC HL & FIND FIRST
NON-BLANK					
BF44 7E	00230	LD	A,(HL)		;FIRST CHARACTER TO
A					
BF45 FE42	00240	CP	'B'		;CMD"B"? (BASTEP ACT
IVATE)					
BF47 2809	00250	JR	Z,CMDB		;BRANCH IF YES
BF49 FE51	00260	CP	'Q'		;CMD"Q"? (QUIT BASTE
P)					
BF4B 2810	00270	JR	Z,CMDQ		;BRANCH IF YES
BF4D E1	00280	POP	HL		;CLEAR STACK
BF4E E1	00290	POP	HL		;RESTORE ORIGINAL HL
BF4F C30000	00300	EXIT	JP	0	; (JUMP ADDRESS EX 41
74/5H)					
BF52 216BBF	00310	CMDB	LD	HL,ENTPT	;GET ENTRY POINT AD
DRESS IN HL					
BF55 3EC3	00320		LD	A,0C3H	; "JP" OP-CODE IN A
BF57 CDF9BF	00330		CALL	CMDINT	;SET INTERCEPT IN 41
C4-6H					
BF5A E1	00340	CMDB1	POP	HL	;RESTORE HL
BF5B D1	00350		POP	DE	;CLEAR STACK
BF5C C9	00360		RET		;RETURN TO BASIC INT
ERPRETER					
BF5D CDEDBF	00370	CMDQ	CALL	DEACT	;DEACTIVATE BASTEP
BF60 18F8	00380		JR	CMDB1	;BACK TO BASIC

Listing 2 continues

execute a line that does a quick INKEY\$ scan before rushing off to do other things.

There are two methods to switch from single-stepping to normal running. First, a CMD"Q" encountered anywhere in the program (or entered in command mode during a break in execution) does the task, as does pressing break while BASTEP is displaying a line number. Used at any other time, break works normally, and BASTEP remains active. As with other keys, the length of depression of break makes a difference—a quick touch deactivates BASTEP, but does not interrupt execution (the program then proceeds at normal speed); holding down the Break key deactivates BASTEP, then breaks Basic execution also. Use CMD"B" and CMD"Q" at appropriate points throughout so that you BASTEP only the lines that interest you.

One more point before we examine some of the techniques involved. If Tandy issues a new release of TRSDOS in which CMD"B" or CMD"Q" has been implemented for some other

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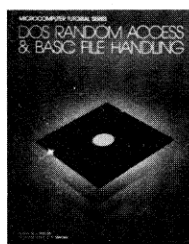
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BF62 FFFF      00390 LNSV   DEFW   0FFFFH ;LINE POINTER SAVE A
REA
BF64 23        00400 ASCLN  DEFB   '#'      ;FOR OUTPUT OF LINE
NUMBER
0006          00410 ASCLN1  DEFS    6
BF6B 7E        00420 ENTPT  LD     A,(HL)  ;(ENTERED BY JP AT 4
1C4H)
BF6C B7        00430       OR     A        ;DOES HL POINT TO A
ZERO BYTE?
BF6D 207B      00440       JR     NZ,LNINT ;BRANCH IF NO (DON'T
INTERCEPT)
BF6F D5        00450       PUSH   DE      ;SAVE DE
BF70 ED5B62BF  00460       LD     DE,(LNSV);GET PREVIOUS LINE
POINTER
BF74 DF        00470       RST     18H     ;COMPARE HL WITH DE
BF75 2872      00480       JR     Z,ENTPT4 ;BRNCH IF EQUAL (DO
N'T INTERCEPT)
BF77 E5        00490       PUSH   HL      ;SAVE HL
BF78 C5        00500       PUSH   BC      ;SAVE BC
BF79 23        00510       INC     HL      ;STEP HL
BF7A ED5BA440  00520       LD     DE,(40A4H);LOAD DE WITH 'BA
SIC START' PTR
BF7E 13        00530 ENTPT1 INC     DE      ;STEP TO MSB OF BASI
C LINE PTR
BF7F 1A        00540       LD     A,(DE)   ;END OF PROGRAM IN C
ORE?
BF80 B7        00550       OR     A        ;
BF81 2864      00560       JR     Z,ENTPT3 ;BRANCH IF YES (DON
'T INTERCEPT)
BF83 4F        00570       LD     C,A      ;MSB OF LINE POINTER
TO C
BF84 1B        00580       DEC     DE      ;STEP DE BACK
BF85 DF        00590       RST     18H     ;COMPARE HL WITH DE
BF86 2805      00600       JR     Z,ENTPT2 ;BRANCH IF EQUAL (I
NTERCEPT)
BF88 1A        00610       LD     A,(DE)   ;LSB OF LINE POINTER

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Listing 2 continues

purpose, just change the relevant byte for each in the data statements to something more suitable. As an example—perhaps you wanted to use CMD“X” to activate BASTEP (instead of CMD“B”), and CMD“Y” to deactivate it (instead of CMD“Q”). Edit line 10 and change the 42 (i.e. “B”) in the middle of Data item three to 58 (i.e. “X”). Remember, these are hexadecimal values, not ASCII.

Also, change the 51 (i.e. “Q”) at the beginning of Data item four to 59 (i.e. “Y”).

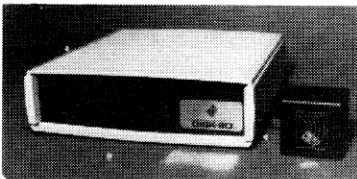
The Program

Lines 10 to 20 are the machine code (in hexadecimal), grouped in 29 seven-byte items (see later in this article for an Assembly listing of this code). Some bytes are coded as ‘...’. These are relocatable bytes whose contents will vary depending on your RAM size.

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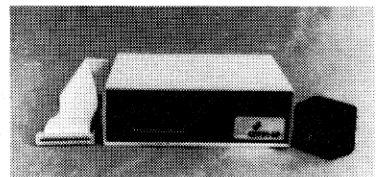
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BF89 5F	00620	LD	E,A		
BF8A 51	00630	LD	D,C	;MSB OF LINE POINTER	
TO D					
BF8B 18F1	00640	JR	ENTPT1	;STEP TO NEXT LINE I	
N CORE					
BF8D 2B	00650	ENTPT2 DEC	HL	;STEP HL BACK TO ORI	
GINAL					
BF8E 2262BF	00660	LD	(LNSV),HL	;SAVE POINTER IN L	
NSV					
BF91 23	00670	INC	HL	;STEP HL TO LINE NUM	
BER					
BF92 23	00680	INC	HL		
BF93 23	00690	INC	HL		
BF94 5E	00700	LD	E,(HL)	;LINE NUMBER TO DE	
BF95 23	00710	INC	HL		
BF96 56	00720	LD	D,(HL)		
BF97 ED532141	00730	LD	(4121H),DE	;LINE NO. TO BASI	
C ACCUM AREA					
BF9B 0600	00740	LD	B,0	;ZEROISE B & C	
BF9D 48	00750	LD	C,B		
BF9E 2165BF	00760	LD	HL,ASCLN1	;POINT HL TO OUTPU	
T AREA					
BF11 CD2F13	00770	CALL	132FH	;CONVERT LINE NUMBER	
TO ASCII					
BFA4 AF	00780	XOR	A	;INDICATE VIDEO OUTP	
UT					
BFA5 329C40	00790	LD	(409CH),A		
BFA8 2A2040	00800	LD	HL,(4020H)	;SAVE CURSOR POIN	
TER					
BFAB E5	00810	PUSH	HL		
BFAC 3AA640	00820	LD	A,(40A6H)	;SAVE TAB POINTER	
BFAF F5	00830	PUSH	AF		
BFB0 21F23F	00840	LD	HL,3FF2H	;CURSOR TO BOTTOM O	
F SCREEN					
BFB3 222040	00850	LD	(4020H),HL		
BFB6 2164BF	00860	LD	HL,ASCLN	;POINT HL TO ASCII	
LINE NUMBER					
BFB9 CDA728	00870	CALL	28A7H	;OUTPUT TO SCREEN	
BFBC F1	00880	POP	AF	;RESTORE TAB POINTER	
BFBD 32A640	00890	LD	(40A6H),A		
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BFC4 CD4900	00920	CALL	0049H	;WAIT FOR KEY TO BE	
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BFC7 21F23F	00930	LD	HL,3FF2H	;POINT HL TO LINE #	
ON SCREEN					
BFCA F5	00940	PUSH	AF	;SAVE INPUT CHARACTE	
R (REG A)					
BFCB CD7C05	00950	CALL	057CH	;CLEAR LINE # FROM S	
CREEN					
BFCE 01A942	00960	LD	BC,17065	;DELAY 0.25 SECOND	
BFD1 CD6000	00970	CALL	0060H	; (17065*14.65	
MSECS)					
BFD4 213640	00980	LD	HL,4036H	;CLEAR KEYBOARD ARE	
A (4036-C)					
BFD7 71	00990	LD	(HL),C	; (I/P CHAR PA	
SSED TO					
BFD8 113740	01000	LD	DE,4037H	; BASIC ONLY	
IF HELD					
BFD8 0E06	01010	LD	C,6	; DOWN PAST T	
HIS POINT)					
BFD8 EDB0	01020	LDIR			
BFD8 F1	01030	POP	AF	;RESTORE INPUT CHARA	
CTER					
BFE0 FE01	01040	CP	1	;WAS IT BREAK KEY?	
BFE2 2003	01050	JR	NZ,ENTPT3	;BRANCH IF NO	
BFE4 CD0DBF	01060	CALL	DEACT	;DEACTIVATE BASTEP I	
F BREAK					
BFE7 C1	01070	ENTPT3 POP	BC	;RESTORE BC	
BFE8 E1	01080	POP	HL	;RESTORE HL	
BFE9 D1	01090	ENTPT4 POP	DE	;RESTORE DE	
0003	01100	LNINT DEFS	3	;INSTRUCTION EX 41C4	
-6 SET UP HERE					
BFD 21FFFF	01110	DEACT LD	HL,0FFFFH	;RESET LINE PTR SA	
VE AREA					
BFF0 2262BF	01120	LD	(LNSV),HL		
BFF3 2AEBBF	01130	LD	HL,(LNINT+1)	;GET ORIGINAL C	
ONTS OF 41C4-6					
BFF6 3AEABF	01140	LD	A,(LNINT)		
BFF9 32C441	01150	CMDINT LD	(41C4H),A	;SET UP 41C4-6	
BFFC 22C541	01160	LD	(41C5H),HL		
BFFF C9	01170	RET			
0000	01180	END			
00000 TOTAL ERRORS					

transferred when a CMD statement is encountered. On Level II machines, it points straight to the L3 Error routine.

In line 40, locations 16548/9 (X'40A4/5') point to the start of the Basic program area in RAM.

Lines 60 to 70 check that BASTEP is not already installed before proceeding. If it is, and this program was run a second time, we'd pick up our own intercepts as system pointers.

Locations 16561/2 (X'40B1/2') in line 90 contain the Memory Size? value. By modifying that value and issuing a Clear, we can protect the top 203 bytes of RAM. The value obtained in AD in line 110 must be the start address of the machine code. Since POKE requires addresses above 32767 to be expressed as (address-65536), we need to check for these.

Lines 130 to 260 are a series of For...Next loops which take the machine code from the data statements, convert it to ASCII, and POKE into the appropriate locations.

Line 280 transfers the normal CMD vector address locations 16756/7 (X'4174/5') to the appropriate exit point in the machine code, because we'll still need to be able to handle DOS commands like CMD"R", CMD"T", CMD"E" etc.

In lines 290 to 300, location 16836 (X'41C4') is an address to which the Basic interpreter jumps prior to starting a new line. This is the key to the operation of BASTEP. By saving its contents and putting into 16756/7 an intercept which points to BASTEP in high memory, we've just extended the interpreter!

All CMD statements are routed to label CMDIN. CMDs other than CMD"B" and CMD"Q" are passed back to Basic at the jump labeled Exit.

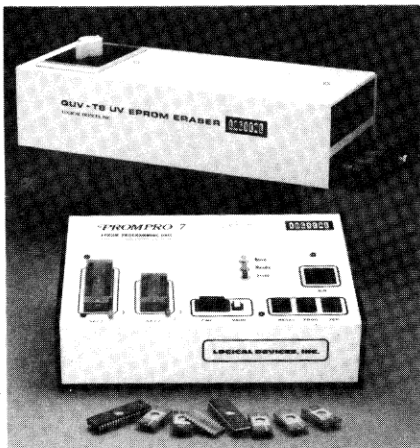
Each time Basic is about to begin a new line, the intercept at 16836 (X'41C4') passes control to ENTPT. The 3-byte instruction at label LNINT is initialized with the original contents of locations 16836-8 (X'41C4-6'), so we can hand back to Basic when required. Extensive use is made of ROM routines to do various tasks. ■

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Program Listing 1 shows a simple means of reading channel 0 (for example) into register A. The 100-microsecond loop ensures the above-mentioned EOC

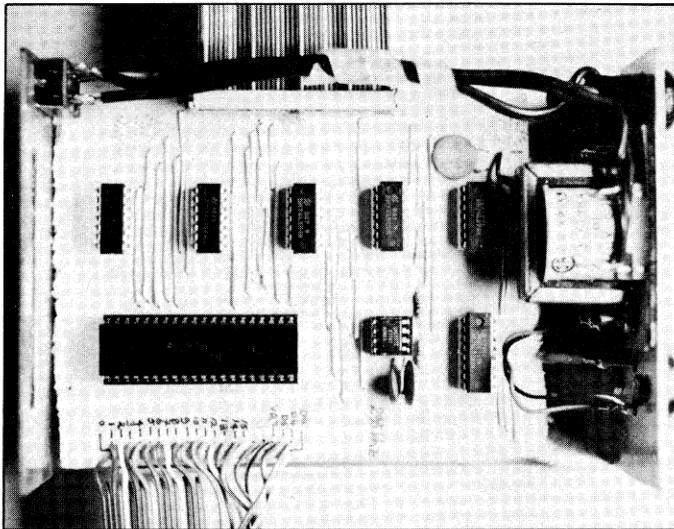


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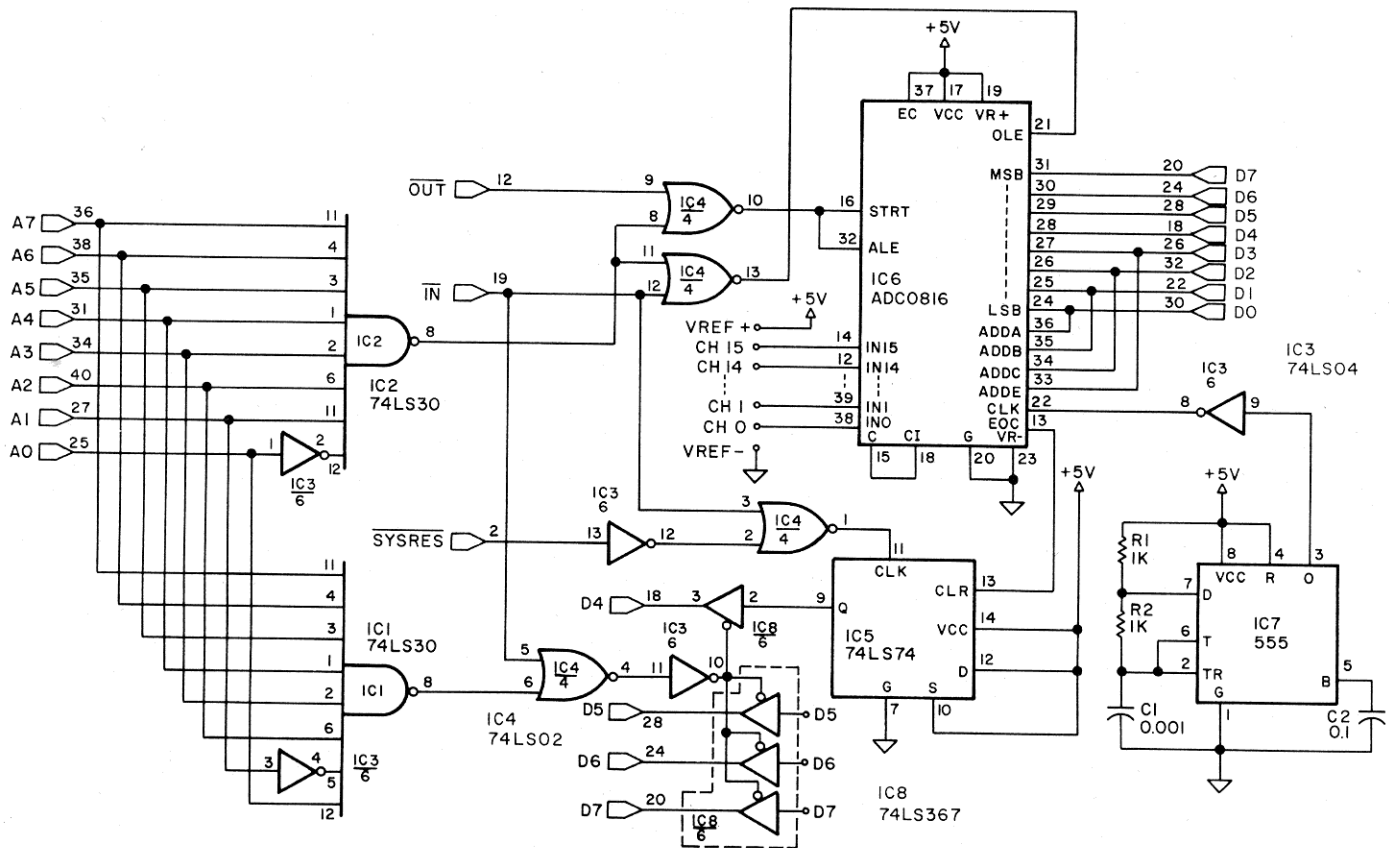


Fig. 1. Schematic for 16 Channels of TRS-80 ADC

delay time is well past before looking for EOC, latched into D4 at port OFDH. Listing 1 also shows the corresponding Basic routine. In this case the problem doesn't arise because the interpreter runs so slowly.

The EOC on D4 may be used to signal an interrupt if desired, in which case minor circuit changes will be required. Alternatively, D5, D6 or D7 can be used quite effectively in a polling system to indicate that updates are available for up to eight of the 16 input channels. As an example, Fig. 2 shows a circuit enabling one to sample the discharge rate of a capacitor. If R equals 25K, and T in 25-ms units measures the time for the voltage to fall to 1.85V (37 percent or 95/256 of 5V), then T equals C in microfarads. The TRS-80 expansion interface's 25-ms interrupt can be used for timing, and Program Listing 2 is a simple Basic program showing how to check the performance of capacitors from about five to 250 microfarads using this system.

A 40-Hz rate is too slow for many purposes and an external

clock must be supplied for sampling up to the maximum rate of about 4 KHz (for a single channel). Program Listing 3 shows how to sample 256 data from a waveform at channel 0, using the external clock applied at D5 with an upper limit of about 2.5 KHz.

It appears that the ADC0816 was designed specifically for ratiometric conversion, since reference and input voltages are equal. Any of the 16 analog inputs can be used as position sensors by connection to the wiper of a potentiometer which has the reference voltage applied across it. A position sensor has a host of potential applications, with one of the more obvious being a two-channel joystick interface—allowing up to eight participants.

Program Listing 4 shows a simple application of a joystick interface in which a jump to the interrupt service routine is placed into an interrupt vector at 4012H, used by the TRS-80's expansion interface. The interrupt service routine (ISR) relates the joystick's two channels to the positioning of a "*" cursor,

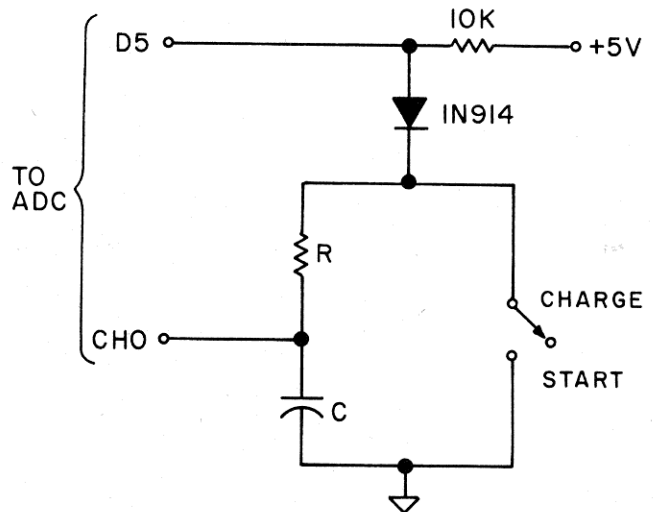


Fig. 2. Circuit to sample the discharge rate of a capacitor: D5 is used for the "look at me" signal

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00100 ;READ DATA FROM PORT 0FEH
00110 ;ADC STATUS FROM PORT 0FDH
00000 3E00 00120 LD A,0 ;SELECT CHANNEL 0
00002 D3FE 00130 OUT (0FEH),A ;START CONVERSION
00004 0607 00140 LD B,7 ;7 LOOPS FOR .1 MS
00006 10FE 00150 TEOC DJNZ TEOC ;WAIT PAST TEOC
00008 DBFD 00160 TC IN A,(0FDH) ;GET ADC STATUS
0000A CB67 00170 BIT 4,A ;EOC HIGH?
0000C 28FA 00180 JR Z,TC ;NO, WAIT FOR TC
0000E DBFE 00190 IN A,(0FEH) ;YES, GET DATA
00000 00200 END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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10 OUT(254),0:REM SELECT CHANNEL 0
20 A=INP(254):REM READ INPUT DATA

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Program Listing 1. Reading channel zero: assembly language and the equivalent Basic routines

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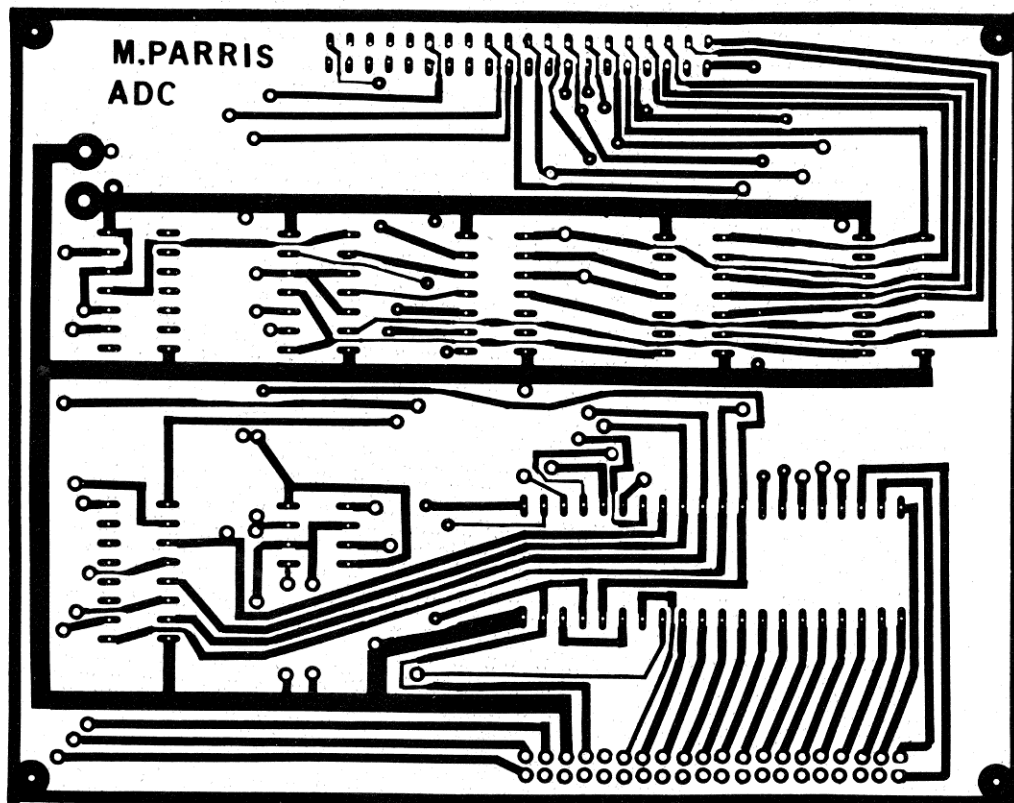
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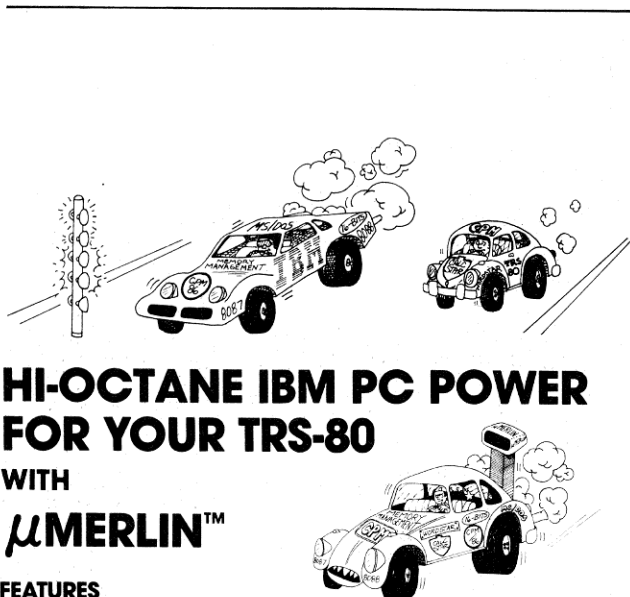
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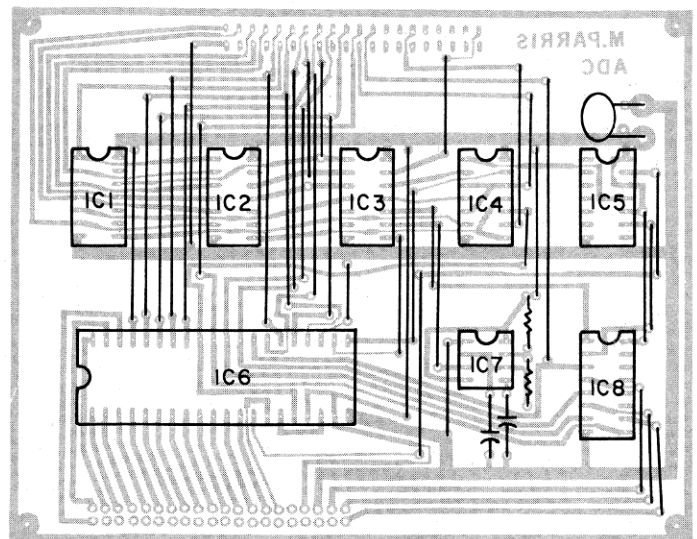


Fig. 3. a. Circuit-board pattern b. Component placement diagram

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10 CLS
20 IF INP(253)=255 THEN 40
30 PRINT @ 320,"START SWITCH UP":GOTO 20
40 PRINT @ 384,"CHARGING":OUT(254),0
45 IF INP(254)<254 THEN 40
50 IF INP(253)=223 THEN 70
60 PRINT @ 448,"START SWITCH DOWN":GOTO 50
70 POKE 16448,0:REM ZERO THE TIMER
80 A=PEEK(16448):OUT(254),0
85 IF INP(254)>95 THEN 80
90 PRINT @ 512,"CAPACITY =" ;A;" MICROFARADS"
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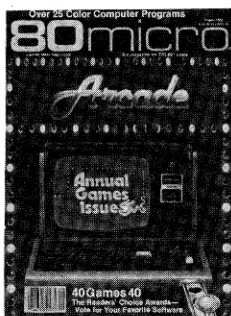
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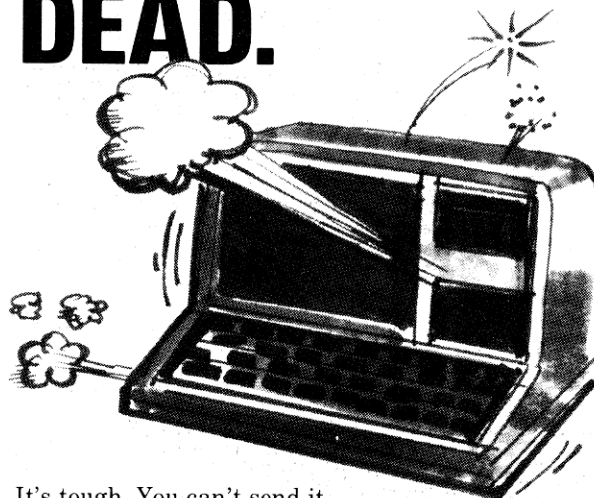
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00100 ;COLLECT 256 BYTES FROM ADC
5000      00110      ORG 5000H      ;MUST START PAGE
0100      00120      STORE      DEFS 256      ;WHOLE PAGE USED
5100      210050     00130      START      LD HL,STORE
5103      0E20       00140      LD C,20H
5105      DBFD       00150      TIME      IN A,(0FDH)      ;GET THE CLOCK
5107      E620       00160      AND 20H      ;ON D5
5109      47         00170      LD B,A      ;STORE IT
510A      A9         00180      XCR C      ;TIME YET?
510B      28F8       00190      JR Z,TIME      ;NOT YET
510D      48         00200      LD C,B      ;YES, UPDATE IT
510E      3E00       00210      LD A,0      ;CHANNEL IS 0
5110      D3FE       00220      OUT (0FEH),A      ;LOOK FOR DATA
5112      0607       00230      LD B,7      ;100 MICROSEC
5114      10FE       00240      TEOC      DJNZ TEOC      ;UNTIL VALID
5116      DFFD       00250      TC      IN A,(0FDH)      ;TO LOOK FOR
5118      CB67       00260      BIT 4,A      ;EOC ON D4
511A      28FA       00270      JR Z,TC      ;NOT YET
511C      DBFE       00280      IN A,(0FEH)      ;YES, GET DATA
511E      77         00290      LD (HL),A      ;STORE IT
511F      2C         00300      INC L      ;UPDATE STORE
5120      20E3       00310      JR NZ,TIME      ;UNTIL NEW PAGE
5122      C3191A     00320      JP BASIC      ;THEN EXIT
1A19      00330      BASIC      EQU 1A19H      ;FOR PROCESSING
0000      00340      END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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Program Listing 3. An Assembly-language routine for fast ADC using an external clock applied at D5

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5000      0003C      00110      STORE2  ORG 5000H      ;MEM SIZE 20479
5002      20        00120      STORE1  DEFW 3C00H      ;VIDEO START
5003      F3         00130      ISR      DEFB 20H      ;UPPER LEFT CHAR
5004      E5         00140      DI
5005      F5         00150      PUSH HL
5006      C5         00160      PUSH AF
5007      D5         00170      PUSH BC
5008      3AE037     00180      PUSH DE
5009      CB77       00190      LD A,(37E0H)
500D      2043       00200      BIT 6,A
500F      CB7F       00210      JR NZ,FDC
5011      2836       00220      BIT 7,A
5013      AF         00230      JR Z,XIT
5014      CD5750     00240      XOR A      ;GET HOR DATA
5017      1F         00250      CALL ADC
5018      1F         00260      RRA
5019      E63F       00270      AND 3FH      ;/4
501B      263C       00280      LD H,3CH      ;COLUMN
501D      6F         00290      LD L,A
501E      3E01       00300      LD A,1      ;GET VERT DATA
5020      CD5750     00310      CALL ADC
5023      1F         00320      RRA
5024      1F         00330      RRA      ;/16
5025      1F         00340      RRA
5026      1F         00350      RRA
5027      E60F       00360      AND 0FH      ;ROW
5029      A7         00370      AND A
502A      2807       00380      JR Z,MARK
502C      47         00390      LD B,A
502D      114000     00400      LD DE,40H      ;64 PER ROW
5030      19         00410      ADD HL,DE
5031      10FD       00420      DJNZ NEXTR
5033      ED4B0050   00430      MARK      LD BC,(STORE2) ;PREVIOUS PLACE
5037      220050     00440      LD (STORE2),HL ;THIS PLACE
503A      3A0250     00450      LD A,(STORE1) ;PREVIOUS CHAR
503D      60         00460      LD H,B
503E      69         00470      LD L,C
503F      77         00480      LD (HL),A
5040      2A0050     00490      LD HL,(STORE2) ;PUT IT BACK
5043      7E         00500      LD A,(HL)
5044      320250     00510      LD (STORE1),A ;THIS CHAR
5047      362A       00520      LD (HL),'*' ;MARK IT
5049      3AE037     00530      XIT      LD A,(37E0H)
504C      D1         00540      POP DE
504D      C1         00550      POP BC
504E      F1         00560      POP AF
504F      E1         00570      POP HL
5050      FB         00580      EI
5051      C9         00590      RET
5052      3AEC37     00600      FDC      LD A,(37E0H)
5055      18F2       00610      JR XIT
5057      D3FE       00620      ADC      OUT (0FEH),A
5059      0607       00630      LD B,7
505B      10FE       00640      TEOC      DJNZ TEOC
505D      DBFD       00650      TC      IN A,(0FDH)
505F      CB67       00660      BIT 4,A
5061      28FA       00670      JR Z,TC
5063      DBFE       00680      IN A,(0FEH)
5065      C9         00690      RET
5066      F3         00700      START  DI
5067      ED56       00710      IM 1
5069      FB         00720      EI
506A      C3191A     00730      JP BASIC
1A19      00740      BASIC      EQU 1A19H
4012      00750      ORG 4012H
4012      C30350     00760      JP ISR
0000      00770      END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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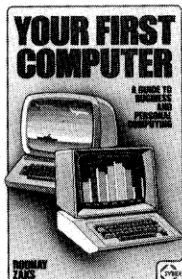
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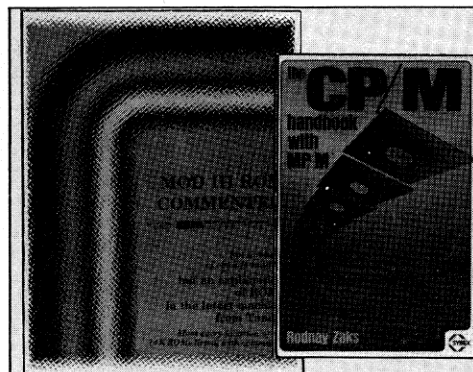


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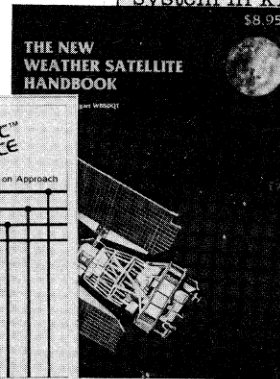
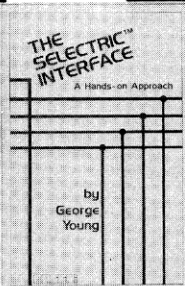
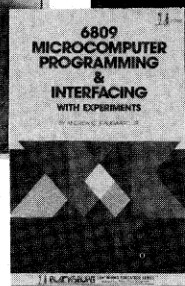
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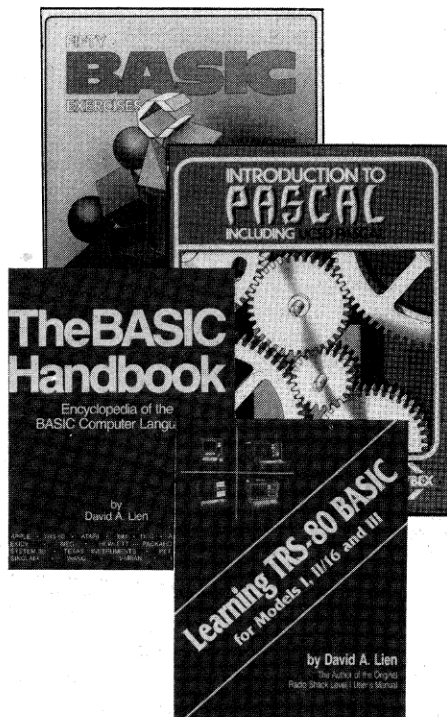
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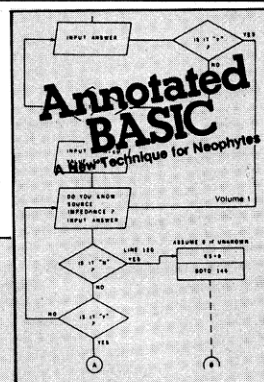
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Enter the Dragon

Will Tandy be a dragonslayer for this 6809-based import?

BY JOHN P. MELLO JR.

80 MICRO NEWS EDITOR

While industry observers level their steely eyes across the Pacific at Japan waiting for that nation to enter the low-end computer market, another invasion may be in the making on the other side of the Atlantic.

The low-end melee in America has spread to Her Majesty's isle and the results could be some tough competition in 1983 for the Color Computer. Its most formidable foe would be the Dragon 32 (see Jake Commander's col-

umn on page 37).

"The Dragon is probably our fiercest competitor," Tandy UK Managing Director John Sayers told *80 Micro*. "The VIC-20 and the Dragon are the two most aggressively marketed machines in

the United Kingdom.

The computer manufactured by Dragon Data Ltd., Swansea, Glamorgan, UK, has the same 8-bit microprocessor as the Color Computer (Motorola's 6809E). Standard equipment includes 32K of RAM, typewriter keyboard, Microsoft Extended Color Basic, and five octaves of sound (255 tones). It costs about \$350.

Sayers said about 80 percent of Tandy's ROM pack software will run on the Dragon. That surprised Dragon's sales and marketing director, Richard Wadman. "Do you mean to tell me that Tandy told you that 80 percent of their software will run on our machine?" he replied when informed by *80 Micro* of Sayer's comments. "That was nice of them."

"Being a 6809," Wadman explained, "if you write pure 6809 code and you go straight in, you've got no problems. It should run straight away. The problem is the Microsoft Basic we use is different than Tandy's. The routines are in different places."

He said about 30 programs are available for his micro, most of them games.

Although the Dragon is priced £40 below the Color Computer, Sayers said Tandy isn't waging a price war against it.

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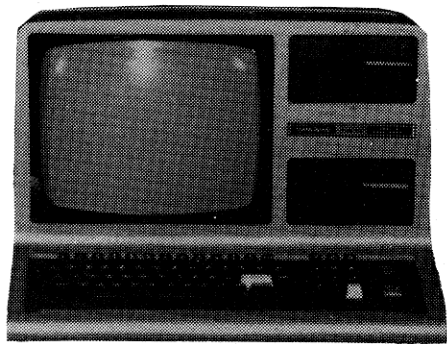
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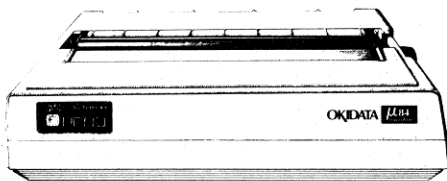
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across," he noted, "is the Color Computer is £40 more, but for that £40 you get better support, better backup. You've got the ability to upgrade to any configuration you like, including disks. And that's the way we sell it."

However, the sting of the low-end war may have cracked Tandy's armored pricing policy. Sayers noted the Fort Worth firm may be manufacturing Color Computers in Korea next year. But the Tandy UK executive did not know what effect the move would have on the computer's price.

Another difficulty competing with Dragon, Sayers claimed, is the firm is subsidized by the government. Wadman denied that. "We have no subsidies from anywhere," he said.

Sayers also rapped the documentation for the Dragon: "What's happening, would you believe it, is the manual that's coming with the Dragon is pretty lousy and people are trying to buy the [Color Computer] manual off us."

Wadman countered: "We've had about 16 reviews in this country and only one of them has mentioned the documentation as being no good. It's not the

same documentation as the Tandy. It's a little more serious, but the British like to think that they're a little more serious than the Americans."

Dragon began selling its micro last August and by September it had sold 11,000 machines. "We've been pleasantly surprised by its sales," Wadman said. Production was about 7,000 units a month in 1982, but Wadman said it would be stepped up this year "because of interest in Europe."

Another low-end micro in the UK is the Color Genie marketed by Lowe Electronics Ltd. of Matlock, Derbyshire. According to Keith Bedford, Lowe's service and development manager, the Color Genie's edge in the crowded market is its Z80 microprocessor.

"The ordinary programs written for the TRS-80 Model I and Model III or Genie will run on the Color Genie," maintained Bedford. And since many software writers are familiar with the Z80, he said, the Color Genie has greater potential than other machines for getting software written for it.

At £199, the Color Genie is also priced below the Color Computer, but

Tandy's Sayers claimed the Lowe machine, manufactured by EACA International Ltd. of Hong Kong, isn't much of a threat to the Radio Shack micro: "The one from Lowe is not really in the business at all. We don't hear much of it. We don't see much of it."

But Bedford said the Color Genie has advantages over the Color Computer. "It's a lot easier to use," he said of the new Genie, "and it's got a lot more features on it." Those features include a typewriter keyboard, three-channel sound, four programmable function keys, and upper- and lowercase character display.

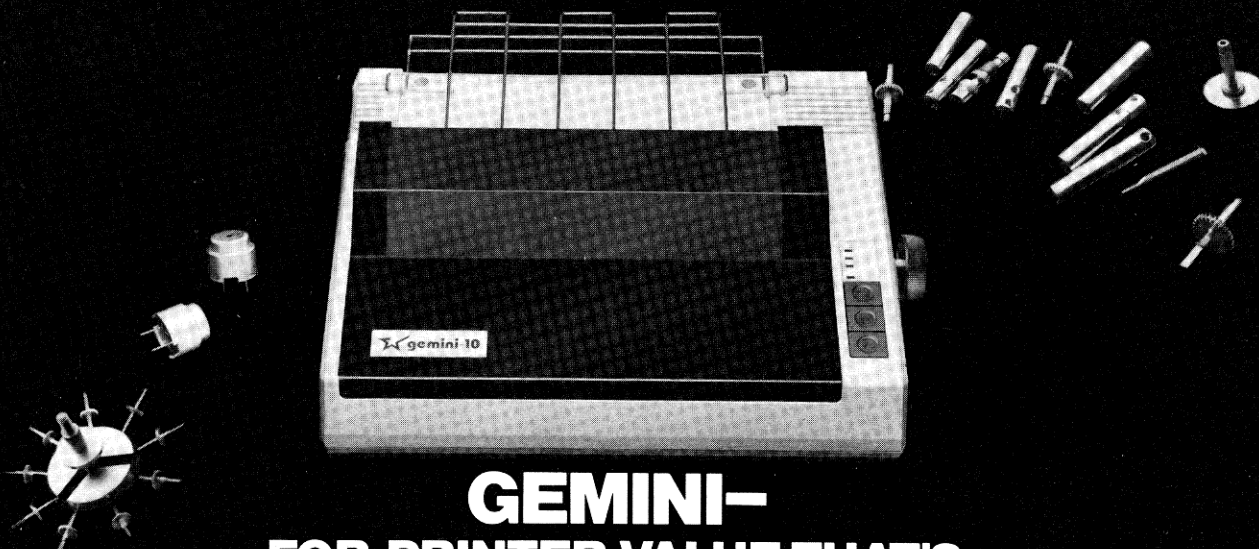
When will the British invasion take place? Apparently not soon.

"Officially," Dragon's Wadman said of his firm's micro, "we don't have any plans to market it there, but we are talking to people in the States."

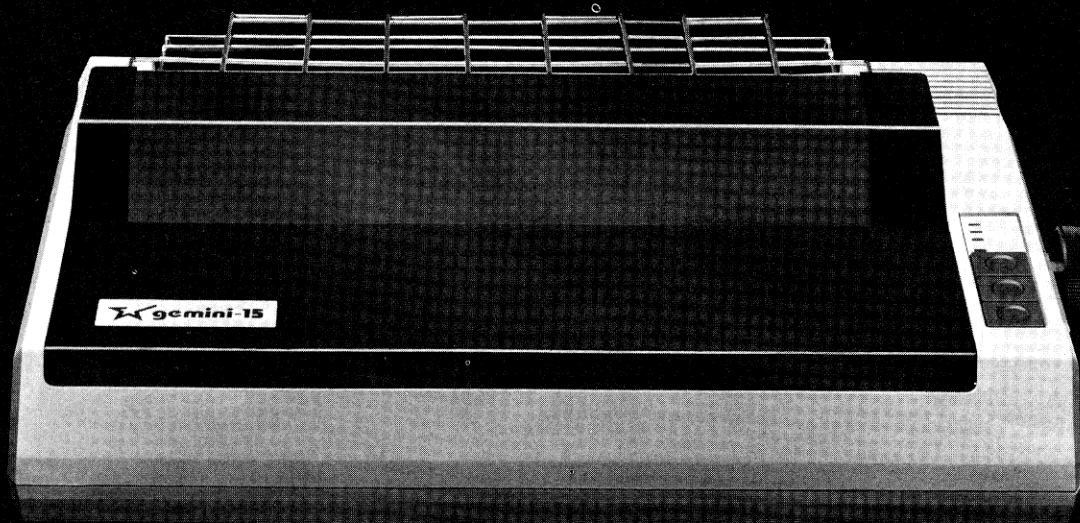
And at Personal Micro Computers Inc. of Mount View, CA, Lowe's American distributor, a spokesman said the company had been studying the Color Genie, but hadn't made a commitment to market the machine in the United States yet. ■

A glance at the **low-end warriors**

FEATURES	COLOR COMPUTER	DRAGON 32	COLOR GENIE
Microprocessor	6809E	6809E	Z80
Standard RAM	16K	32K	16K
Maximum RAM	32K	64K	32K
Display (characters by lines)	32 × 16	32 × 16	24 × 40
Resolution for Graphics	256 × 192	256 × 192	160 × 96
Typewriter Keyboard	NO	YES	YES
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Users can earn "considerable savings" by phone typesetting, said Steve Westmoreland, vice president of Type Share in Downey, CA. His firm charges \$4 per foot of copy on 4-inch-wide paper and \$6 per foot on 8-inch-wide paper.

Users also pay telephone costs and overnight delivery charges. In the case of Type Share, CompuServe charges are involved.

Both companies offer a choice of type styles, number of columns, and other format options. The Michigan firm adds a free computerized spelling check.

Users can send Type Share copy to CompuServe at any time. TeleTypesetting, if called in advance, will leave its machines on overnight to receive material.

Despite its convenience and low cost, typesetting by phone hasn't birthed a bevy of cottage publishers.

"Our customers are businesses or those aspiring to be in business," said Winer of TeleTypesetting.

Westmoreland noted, "We have one lady who writes poetry," but many of

Type Share's users are "people in the printing business, who don't have a large need for typesetting but want to offer it as part of their service."

The typesetters supply users with codes for setting column widths, type-style, and other specifications. When word processing a document, the user imbeds the codes in it.

While sprinkling your words with codes takes some getting used to, Winer said, most customers take it in stride: "I give them a test paragraph and most of them don't even bother with it... We have people who get it right doing four- or five-page newsletters the first time."

After converting word-processed copy to ASCII, TeleTypesetting users phone their copy directly to that firm. Type Share customers dump their ASCII copy into CompuServe, where it is retrieved by the California company's computers.

When the firms' computers receive the copy, they run it through typesetting machines. The finished work is returned to the user by overnight carrier or the

United Parcel Service.

Westmoreland estimated 30 percent of his customers "never had a computer before" coming to Type Share for typesetting. For computer novices, the firm offers a \$775 starter package. It includes a VIC-20, modem, and typesetting manual.

Conventional rather than specialized work is phone typesetting's forte, Westmoreland contended: "If a guy is going to send one business card, he can probably get it done cheaper locally. [With] people sending three, four, or five pages [the service] starts to pay for itself."

It pays best for someone in business, he said. "One of the key things this does for someone with a computer is turn it into something they can make money at, make it really a practical-usage tool."

Winer added the novelty of computer typesetting has its own attractions: "The people who really like our service are those who think some way computers are neat, and this is one more neat thing they can do with their microcomputer." ■

BUSINESS

TDP resistance

Tandy's first-time scheme to go outside its Radio Shack system reportedly has encountered some distributor resistance.

Selling Color Computers outside Radio Shack stores reportedly has been met with resistance by some of the independent RCA distributors targeted to peddle the machine to their retail customers.

Some distributors have told the *Electronic News* they would not market the TDP-100 for Tandy.

Pricing, as some market analysts predicted (*80 Micro*, November 1980, p. 458), appears to be a monkey wrench in Tandy's outside distribution scheme.

Tandy sweetened the plan in October by chopping \$50 from the \$273 price distributors were slated to pay for the TDP-100. That cut, reportedly, would make the suggested retail price of the TDP \$379.

When asked by *80 Micro* about the reports of distributor resistance, Ron Stegall, Tandy's vice president for retail computer marketing, observed: "I'm not aware of that. I don't know why they would resist it. It's selling very well out there in 4500 [Radio Shack] stores."

But not well enough for Tandy to maintain its share of the market, several

analysts have maintained. They see the Fort Worth firm's outside distribution "experiment" as a concession its Radio Shack chain may be inadequate to retain its slice of the low-end pie.

One distributor challenged those analysts' contentions. The distributor, who requested anonymity, explained low prices aren't the only thing on a consumer's mind when making a purchase. "That's how you sell Buicks, Chevrolets and Cadillacs," he said.

He maintained many children work with Color Computers in school. If they have to choose between a TDP or some other brand, they'll choose what they're familiar with, he said.

Another reason consumers will buy the machine, he contended, is Tandy is recognized as a blue chip name in microcomputers.

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dependent distributors will be marketed as TDP products—not Tandy's. That discouraged one distributor to pass up the chance to sell the computers.

"It was really the merchandising approach from Tandy Corporation that scared the living daylights out of us," said Dennis D'Angelo, general manager of the specialty products division of Raymond Rosen Company located in Philadelphia, PA.

"The only way to sell this product is to say, 'Hey, this is a product of the Tandy Corporation,'" he explained. "They're going to merchandise this as TDP electronics and advertise it as TDP electronics."

Retailers could be persuaded to sell the higher-priced TDP, he said. "It's not in discount stores hanging from fishwires a la Toys R Us." And with competitive pressure driving home computer prices down, he continued, merchants could make a little more money on a TDP.

"But we felt it was going to be a hard sell—especially at the retail price point they were at and not having a national program behind it," he said.

He noted, "They never presented to us any concrete program. They never said we're going to run so many ads to sell the TDP name."

The TDP's retail price wasn't the only pricing problem for D'Angelo's business: "They never gave us a commitment that we would be competitive with Radio Shack. There was always the

possibility Radio Shack would be lower than us."

"There's no price protection offered to a distributor," he said. "We felt that to take a lot of inventory would place us in a precarious position."

Another disadvantage Raymond Rosen Company found with the Tandy plan was it offered no room for expansion. "We were limited to Color Computers," D'Angelo said, "and we wanted to offer the II and III to our customers, too."

The current product line of D'Angelo's firm doesn't include microcomputers. "We were going to enter the business through the TDP," he noted. "Now we're just dragging our feet. We're talking with some people and will probably get into business some time in 1983."

Although Raymond Rosen won't be carrying the Color Computer clone, D'Angelo had kudos for the micro: "The machine is a great machine. No doubt about it. It's probably a better machine than a lot of the personal computers out there today."

"It was the merchandising approach that went behind it that we were concerned with. We felt that in the long term we would be losers. And more importantly, our dealerships would be losers. We have to go back to those people and sell them a lot of other equipment. We can't burn our bridges behind us." ■

HARDWARE

TRS-80 into IBM PC

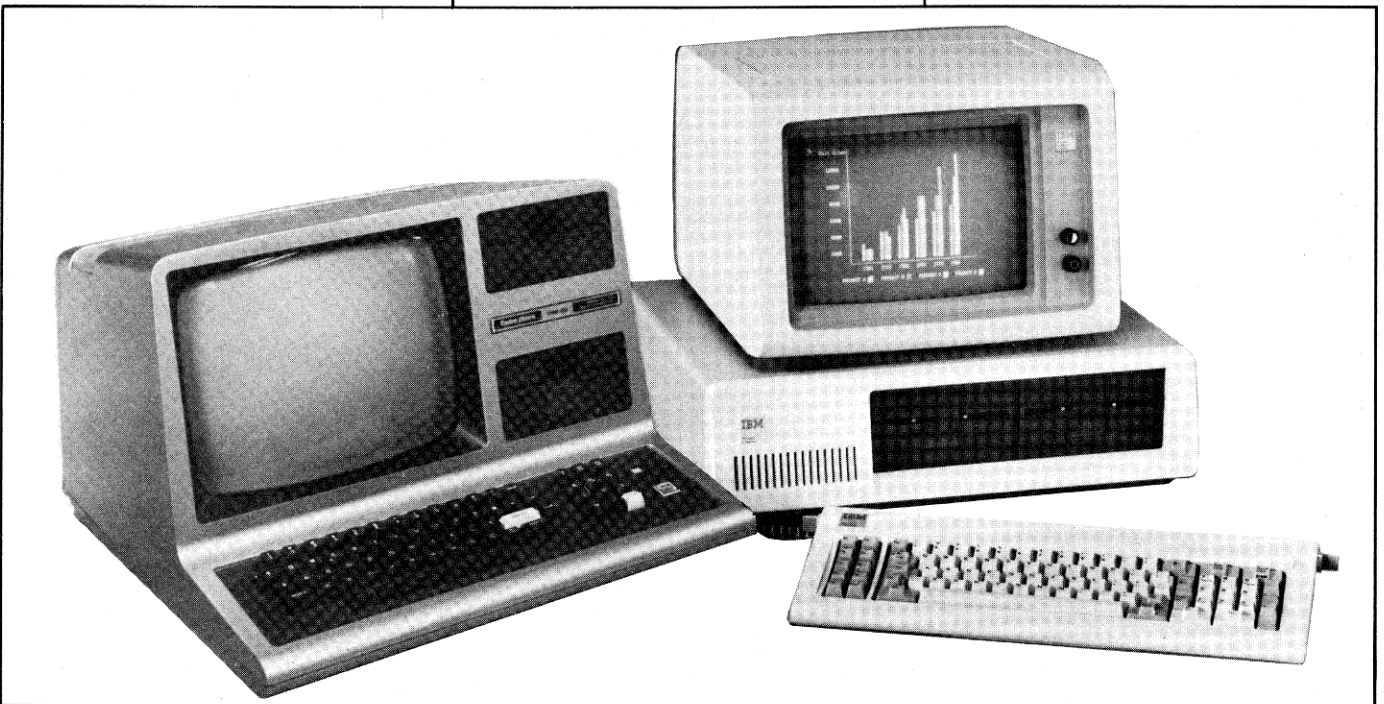
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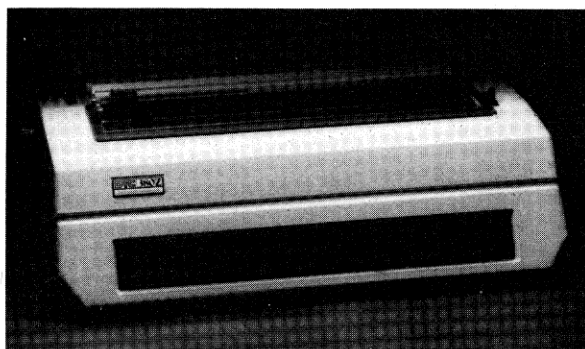
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chip, the microprocessor in the PC. Once you plug MicroMerlin into your TRS-80, you can boot a DOS in drive 0, insert a PC disk in drive 1, and Aden's gadget will run the IBM program.

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With the addition of a disk controller, he noted, MicroMerlin can act as a stand-alone computer. In that mode, you can connect a dumb terminal to the box via its serial port.

"We've got a customer in Pennsylvania who wants a couple of hundred of these," Aden said. "He's going to supply his own terminals. We have a command in the operating system that switches control from the Radio Shack computer to the serial port. That customer will be able to run 80-column programs right away."

MicroMerlin, with 64K of random access memory and 8K of erasable programmable read-only memory, costs \$1195. CP/M-86 can be purchased from Aden's Culver, CA, enterprise for \$249. Other options include an expander card for additional memory (\$275) and RS-232 interface (\$89).

MicroMerlin's memory can be expanded to 256K. Aden's price for each 64K block of memory is \$189.

Aden said demand for his gadget has been brisk: "We've got our first month of production already booked." ■

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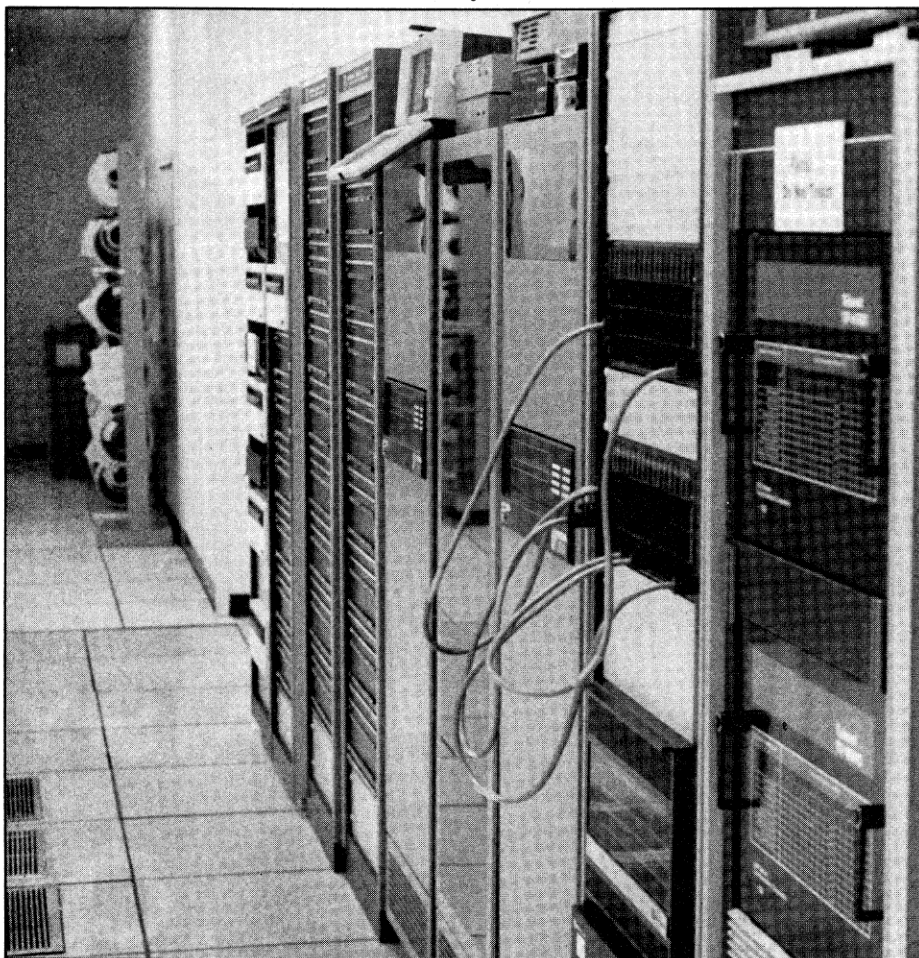
New Primes at Source

Will new \$5 million center put Source on top in info utility business?

By ALAN ABBEY

SPECIAL TO 80 MICRO

Snoopy, Miss Piggy, and Garfield are helping The Source expand its on-line computing capacity by 10 times, so it can add more than 200,000 subscribers in a few years.



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The dolls add a humorous touch to what is a deadly serious step to greatly expand the company's capacity and thrust the three-year-old firm into the forefront of the information utility field.

The computers, along with a Telenet and Tymnet switching system to handle user calls, were unveiled at a glossy ceremony on Columbus Day at The Source's new headquarters. It was attended by industry, press, and politicians, including Virginia Governor Charles Robb and former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird.

The computing center represents a \$5 million investment and a vote of confidence in The Source by its parent company, the Reader's Digest Association, which bought the fledgling information utility two years ago. Until the expanded Prime 750 system went on line last September, The Source had been relying on a management firm across town from its old offices to operate and maintain its system of two Prime com-

The Source hopes its new Primes will end the sluggishness and slow response time of the old information system.

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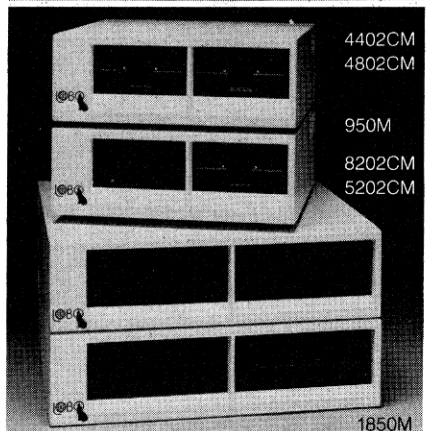
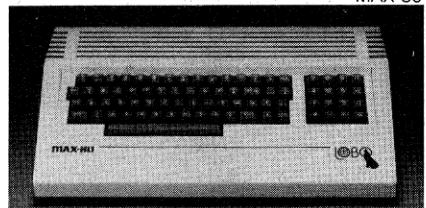
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Virginia Governor Charles Robb (left), The Source's Chief Executive Officer, George Grune, and Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, now chief counsel for Readers Digest at dedication ceremonies for The Source.

puters. The outside firm also owned the software that ran the system, and The Source's electronic mail and bulletin board programs.

By the company's own admission, the early system was sluggish to respond to user calls and was vulnerable to power failures. The new computer center, with its expanded capacity, dedicated back-up computer, and on-site power supply, will answer both those problems, Source officials predict. "We will have more capacity and more reliable hardware and software," said Jeff Entwistle, the company's bearded director of systems development.

Clearly, reliability and room for expansion are chief among the new system's selling points. For now at least, there will be no new services added as the company tries to improve what it has on line for users. The company is still introducing its newly improved electronic mail, a service aimed at the business clients it is aggressively courting. Entwistle promises new offerings in the future, but said the company will keep them a surprise until they are ready for unveiling.

The Source is going for what it believes is a growing market of people and businesses who fall between the two universes of traditional timesharing users, the early hobbyists, and the original heavy number crunchers, such as banks.

To be prepared for its big push, The Source expanded its Prime 750 computer system. Each has a 3 million byte

capacity. They are supplemented by 19 disk drives, each of which has an additional 300 million bytes of storage, for a total of 5.7 billion bytes of storage memory.

As the tour guides said during the dedication ceremony, "The human mind still has 100 times more memory, but these can recall it faster." The system is designed for "virtually limitless growth," according to the company's effusive promotional literature.

Part of the new computing center will be used for storing tapes of users' files. That should please people who accidentally erase their files, because The Source is promising to replace them for them.

Key to the expanded operations are the Telenet and Tymnet systems that will handle all the incoming calls. It is composed of two Telenet TP's and a Tymnet engine. In about 400 metropolitan areas, you can reach The Source by dialing the local Telenet or Tymnet number. Other ways for you to access The Source include calling the company's toll-free WATS line, which has a \$15 per hour surcharge, dialing long distance, or calling on the firm's local line if you are in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

The Source is also signing Uninet for a trial run. This service is similar to Telenet and Tymnet, and is available in smaller cities than the other two. If it works out, the company will keep it on a permanent basis.

It has 100 incoming direct phone lines, and 14 WATS lines along with the

Telenet and Tymnet switching systems. The company believes it now has enough phone capacity so users will be able to call at any time.

With the new system in place, The Source will step up its drive to lure business customers. George Grune, the nattily dressed chief executive officer who came from Reader's Digest, talked optimistically of the future: "The Source has grown from a service for 5,000 to 6,000 hobbyists to a management service for professionals and proven decision makers who need its information to instantly make decisions."

The company said SourceMail, its electronic mail service, is the heart of its business programs. Others are PARTICIPATE, a computer conferencing network; CHAT, for terminal-to-terminal conversations; POST, for electronic messages and classified advertising; MGRAM, for sending Mailgram Messages from computer terminals; and PRIVATE SECTOR, which enables businesses to create specialized electronic communication products for their customers and members.

Data bases The Source has geared to businesses include stock and commodity reports, summaries of articles from leading business publications, and, for high-flying executives, airline schedules.

The fees for using The Source went up last August. According to a company spokesman, they will not go up again for a while. It costs \$100 to join. Hourly charges are \$20.75 during the day, \$7.75 in evenings and on weekends, and \$5.75 an hour after midnight. There is a \$10 monthly minimum.

Company public relations director Michael Rawl said The Source is ahead of its own projections for future profitability. He claimed it would have turned a profit last year if the Reader's Digest had not bought it and planned the major expansion of staff and computing capacity. The Digest is willing to sacrifice short-term profits for long-term growth and is gambling The Source will become number one in its field.

The company cemented its position in the growing northern Virginia circle of computer firms with a dedication speech from Gov. Robb. He called the opening of the new office and computer center "a celebration of the future." Laird, the senior counsel of Reader's Digest, was on hand to smile and shake hands at the dedication ceremonies, and did nothing more official than introduce Robb to the crowd of 100. ■

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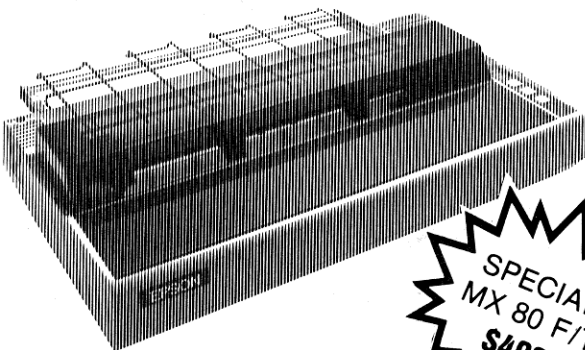


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BUSINESS

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Many office workers operating word processors feel the machines cause health problems.

That's one of the findings of a national study of office workers' attitudes sponsored by Verbatim Corporation of Sunnyvale, CA, the world's largest manufacturer of disks, minidisks, head-cleaning kits, and cassettes.

According to a summary of the study's findings, 68.2 percent of the workers responding to the survey felt using word processing equipment could result in health problems. Those problems include eyestrain and backstrain.

Nearly eight in 10 respondents, Verbatim said, called for better lighting for word processing workers and 78.8 percent wanted rest breaks.

Many workers also commented management seldom consulted office staff on the design of work space or the structuring of the work day to improve working conditions and minimize stress.

"The findings have revealed some of the real feelings and needs of office workers," Verbatim President Malcom Northrup said in a statement.

"Verbatim is not saying there is a health problem in the office," a spokesman for the company told *80 Micro*. "There are studies that have been done that say there is really no reason for concern about the equipment. But the fact remains that workers are concerned."

The survey also discovered many office workers have reservations about how much the women's movement has improved career opportunities.

About half of the office workers polled said career opportunities had been "somewhat" enhanced by female advocacy, Verbatim said, while a quarter thought career opportunities had been "greatly" enhanced.

One survey respondent noted, "Sexual prejudice is very much alive and well today, but at least now it cannot be flaunted openly."

Another said, "As a result of the women's movement, there seems to be token vice presidents whose duties are really that of an administrative assistant."

"Women's Lib opened the doors for women to get into management," a third worker observed, "but it has not done much for the advancement of secretaries to other positions. They are still regarded as someone's girl."

The survey, conducted by Group Attitudes Corporation, also found:

- Workers had a "strong desire" to participate in in-house discussion groups regarding the acquisition of new equipment, attend sales presentations by equipment vendors, and pass ideas to management via a suggestion box.
- Workers felt fewer demeaning tasks were demanded of word processing operators than secretaries.
- The office task workers liked best was typing, followed by telephone contacts and operating word processing equipment; and
- Better than three-fourths of the respondents felt automation had improved office efficiency.

According to the Verbatim spokesman, Donovan Neale-May, the firm commissioned the study to "heighten the awareness" of office managers to Verbatim products.

"Based on the input we have received from this study," Northrup stated, "we plan to launch a number of ongoing programs designed to improve the quality of life for these valuable personnel in tomorrow's automated office."

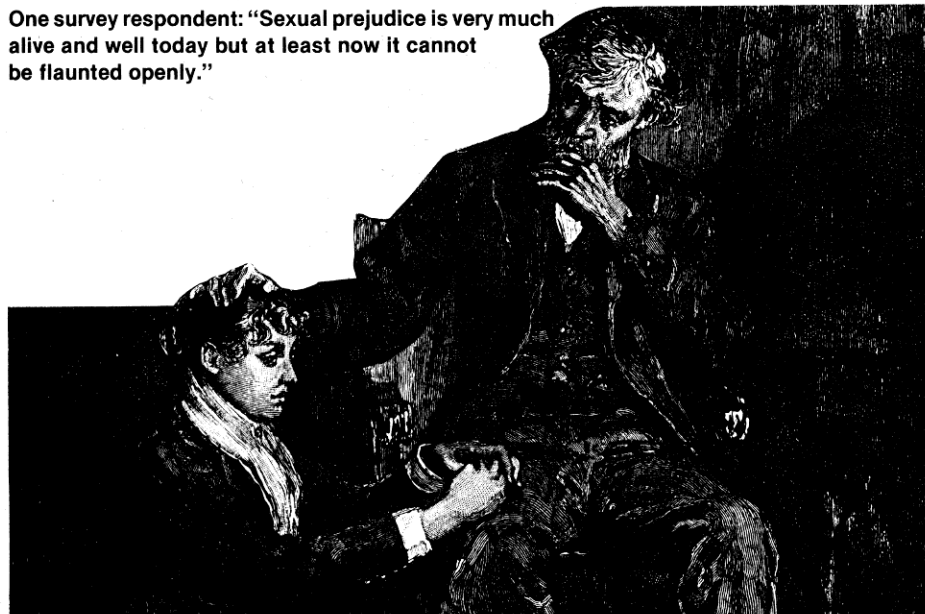
One of those programs, Neale-May said, will enlist the help of a local museum.

"We want to create a Verbatim art collection fund," he explained. "The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art will collect paintings from up-and-coming painters around the world. They will be reproduced in poster form and given away free to anybody who feels like they'd like to liven up their work space."

"The idea is to bring art into the workplace, a workplace that many feel is becoming a sterile environment."

Group Attitudes Corporation conducted the survey in July 1982. A sample of 1,263 secretaries, administrative assistants, and word processing operators in large, medium, and small companies in five major geographic regions responded to the 104-item, self-administered questionnaire. The sample was weighted to represent the 3.9 million secretaries estimated to be in the workforce and to reflect the geographic spread of those workers. ■

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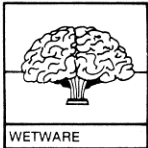
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PULSE TRAIN

PR director exits Tandy



Tandy Corporation's director of publicity has resigned his post to

start a public relations consulting firm.

Martin B. Winston, who has formed Winston and Winston with his wife, Judie, said some blue-chip silicon firms are interested in his services.

"I'm talking to all the heavies," he claimed, "Texas Instruments, Data General, DEC, Apple, IBM."

What can smooth-talking Winston provide his clients' PR departments? For one thing, a lube job. "I can act as Vaseline," the 34-year-old PR man said. "I can help make the whole contact business easier."

Before Winston left Tandy, he completed a promotional campaign expected to garner the Fort Worth firm 5 billion product exposures during the 1983-TV year.

The campaign, which cost Tandy no more than \$1,000, is aimed at getting the firm's products used as props for TV shows.

Shows agreeing to use the products include "Walter Cronkite's Universe," "Hill Street Blues," "The Devlin Connection," "St. Elsewhere," "Remington Street," "The New Bob Newhart Show," "The Greatest American Hero," and "Quest."

Winston told *Advertising Age* many of the products are "cosmetic" models. They look like working products, but have failed quality con-



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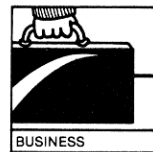
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THE INTELLIGENT DECISION

WOONG COMPUTER FIRMS *Penthouse* magazine, using what makes it popular—skin—has launched a campaign to persuade software firms to advertise in the Bob Guiccione publication. This ad, which ran from September to December in *The Sizzle Sheet*—a trade publication for marketers of computer and electronics, notes 23 percent of *Penthouse* readers own a home computer, 17 percent plan to buy home video games in 1983 and 13 percent plan to buy home computers. The ad originally ran in color.

trol. Tandy has found those products are less likely to be stolen from a set.

Winston, whose new firm will have offices in Fort Worth and Greenwich, CT, added, "You could say we're making Hollywood our junkyard."

What's in a logo? Plenty, says Tandy



The Bell System symbol has sparked skirmishing between the

American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Tandy Corporation.

Radio Shack's parent has complained to the U.S. Justice Department about AT&T and the Bell Operat-

ing Companies using the bell-to-a-ring logo in their advertisements.

Letting AT&T and the companies use the logo, makes a mockery of the antitrust settlement between Ma Bell and the department, Tandy contends.

By sharing the trappings of the Bell system with the operating companies, Tandy said in a letter to the department's antitrust division, AT&T intends to "unfairly enshrine in the minds of consumers the continuing 'oneness' of the Bell System."

That will give AT&T a competitive edge that undercuts the goal of the antitrust settlement, Tandy argued.

It maintained AT&T's reorganization plan should provide "the divested operating companies may have use

of the Bell name, the Bell symbol, and related trademarks, trademarks and marketing symbols as a package, while AT&T may not use any of these names, marks, logos, or marketing symbols for any purpose."

Unless those provisions are included in the plan, Tandy added, "At&T will divest the [operating companies], but it will be a divestiture in law, not in fact. Through massive advertising, AT&T will in effect tell consumers that the Bell System remains one—economically and operationally—and that it is business as usual.

"Competition, the whole purpose of the consent decree, will be the victim."

In a letter to the antitrust division, AT&T Vice President and General Counsel Howard J. Trienens said Tandy's request went beyond anything contemplated by the final judgement in *United States v. American Telephone & Telegraph Co., et al.*

As the issue got muddier and muddier, William F. Baxter, head of the antitrust division, attempted to clear the waters.

After divestiture, he wrote to Trienens, the division would see as violating the agreement "any use of the word Bell independently of a corporate name, as in the name of a product or service.

"We would also object to the use of a corporate name itself, such as American Bell, in such a fashion as to imply a relationship with the [operating companies]..."

"Under this approach, for example, we would view as violative of the modification the use after divestiture of Bell Packet Switching Service or



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After reading Baxter's letter, Trienen suggested everyone wait until the reorganization plan was filed with the department to iron out the nettlesome issue.

Tandy buys Datapoint's share of disk drive firm



Tandy Corporation has bought out Datapoint's interest in

Texas Peripherals, a disk drive manufacturer owned by the two firms.

According to *Electronic News*, the amount of cash Tandy would pay for Datapoint's 50 percent share in Texas Peripherals was undisclosed.

Tandy and Datapoint told *EN* the buy-out would not affect the companies' agreement, announced last June, to marry their technology for local area networking. The weekly said development of that service has been hampered by software problems.

Texas Peripherals, set up in 1980, has been making 5.25- and 8-inch drives. It has 325 employees and occupies a 50,000-square-foot former Sears Roebuck retail store in

Odessa, TX.

Garland Asher, Tandy's vice president of finance, told *EN*, "We've taken a majority of the production of that plant since Day One."

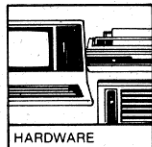
When the agreement was inked, he explained, it included procedures for one firm buying out the other.

Asher said Tandy decided to buy out Datapoint because "We want the production. We need the production. It makes sense all around."

He added the deal would not affect Tandy's agreements with other disk drive manufacturers.

In a related matter, Bill Meserve, a senior consultant for Arthur D. Little Company of Cambridge, MA, noted partnerships like the one between Tandy and Datapoint are necessary to survive the coming shakeout in the microcomputer industry.

When you talk to these cash registers, they talk back



Supermarket shoppers in Lexington, MA, don't want to talk

about the Computer Age—especially with a computer. A Bay State supermarket chain, Stop & Shop, hoped to humanize the checkout lane by installing talking cash registers. Shoppers weren't enamored with the idea. Surveys indicated shoppers disliked hearing the price of hamburger coming out of black box at ear level.

A frequent complaint of shoppers was the machines, called Positalkers, created

high noise levels in the supermarket. Another gripe was the machines' Midwestern female voice was cold and unpleasant.

Shoppers also viewed the Positalkers as unnecessary and they suspected the cost of the boxes—\$300 each—was being passed on to them through higher food prices. Stop & Shop said that suspi-

cion was unfounded.

The chain finally pulled the boxes out of the Lexington store and returned to the cold, hard reality of the sales slip.

National Semiconductor Corporation, the California manufacturer of Positalker, said Stop & Shop is the first supermarket in the nation to have the machine removed.



HOT AIR ATTRACTION. Leading Edge Products Inc. of Canton, MA, has joined the fight against cancer in children in a big way. One cent from each floppy disk it sells goes to the Jimmy Fund, a Boston-based group funding programs in cancer research and treatment of children with cancer. This hot air balloon was one of many attractions at the First Annual Computer Fair sponsored by Leading Edge. The proceeds from the fair were donated to the Jimmy Fund as well as a check for \$6,700, the first installment on the Canton firm's one-cent campaign.

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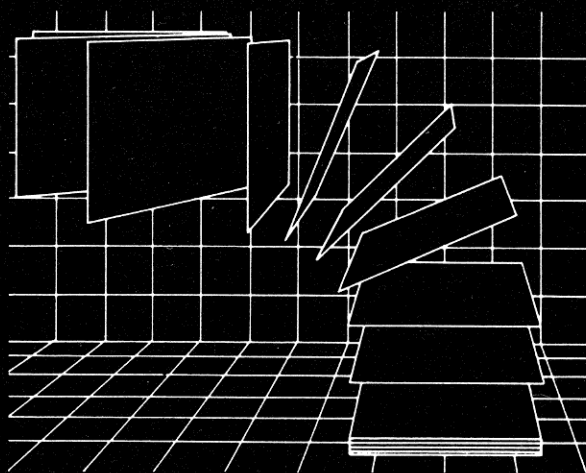
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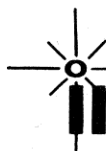
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That was one of the findings in a report on a two-year experiment by the Associated Press and 11 newspapers on the CompuServe Information Service (see *80 Micro*,

November 1982, p. 462).

The report—prepared by the AP and RMH Research Inc., a Fairlawn, NJ, subsidiary of Harte-Hanks Communications—added that any danger posed to newspapers by electronic information is in the future.

The New Jersey research firm found newspapers accounted for only 5 percent of the total usage on CompuServe.

Once the novelty wore off the experiment, access declined dramatically. From February 1982 to June 1982,

accesses dropped from 1,200 to 136. The average access time during that period was less than five minutes.

During the last eight months of the experiment, the AP reported, one-third of CompuServe's users looked at an electronic newspaper once; roughly one-fifth looked twice.

A control group of 100 households accessed the e-papers 30 percent more than CompuServe regulars—called "electros" in the test. Members of the control

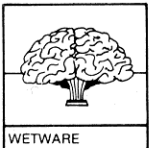
households—dubbed "real people"—accessed the news an average of 6.5 minutes.

But even for real people, the allure of the Network Nation wasn't news. They spent 40 percent of their time accessing CompuServe's CB and games.

Neither group would net a news organization a pile of money. At going rates, the AP said, an electro would gross an e-paper 8 cents; a real person would gross the paper 10.46 cents.

However, CompuServe does have its newspaper ad-

Anthem for a microcomputer



When Walt Disney Productions opened its Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow in Lake Buena Vista, FL, last October, it gave computerdom something it's been lacking for a long time—

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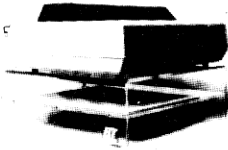


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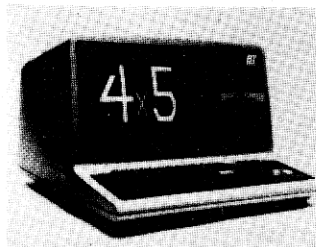
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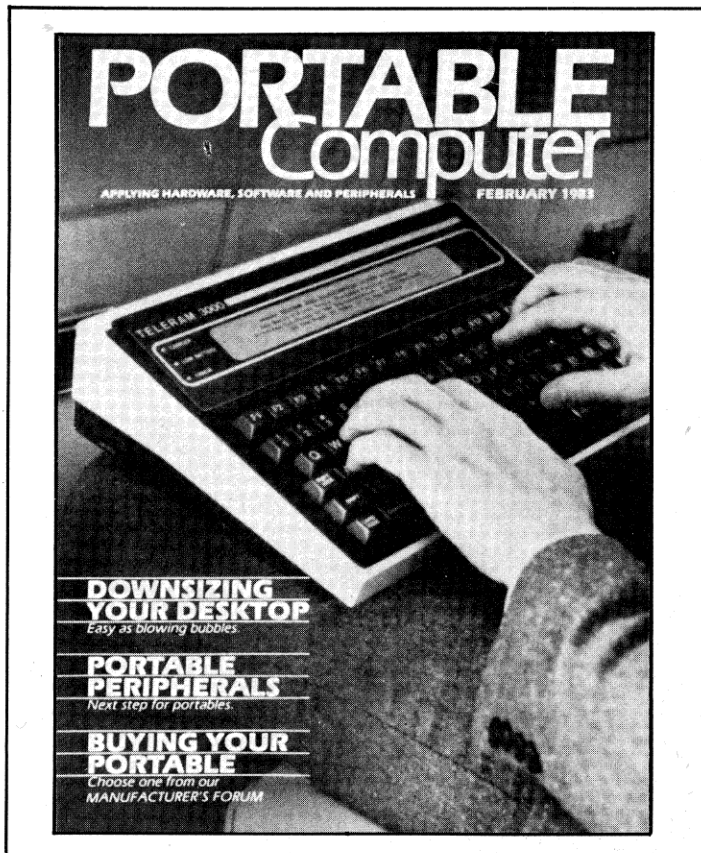
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dicts. The AP noted, "In an already demographically odd group of current customers...one out of 10 is odder still: a newspaper junkie, even though the fix is electronic."

Little tailoring for the electronic medium was done by the experimenters, RMH observed. That's something CompuServe hopes to address in its future news efforts.

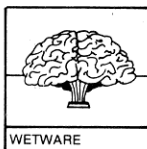
The information utility's senior vice president, George Minot, told *Editor & Publisher* the test has led CompuServe to start building a news component to its service.

The news model, he said, will be "fully interactive according to customer needs" and will allow a customer to create a news file of his own

design. Users will instruct the system to collect news stories on specific subjects and call them up on demand.

CompuServe news will be tailored to a videotext system, Minot said, and presented in "capsule" form. He added, "Videotext customers want and are willing to pay for up to the minute news."

Prez scoffs at shortage of programmers



WETWARE

Shortage of programmers? Not according to the president of Pan-sophic Systems Inc.

David Eskra, speaking at a software exposition in Chicago, called the highly

trumpeted programmer shortage "a sham."

The real problem, he reportedly said, is gaining access to that "ton of data that has the potential to solve all kinds of business problems."

New mag on portable micros



DOCUMENTATION

Portable computers will be the focus of a magazine scheduled for publication next month.

According to a statement from publisher Marshall W. Freeman, the new bimonthly will be totally devoted to developments and applications of the new wave of portable computers.

Many people need portability for their daily needs, the statement said. *Portable Computer* will focus on portable products and how to use them. Articles will be geared to the non-technical user.

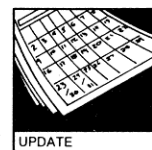
Applications stories will review uses of portable computers in big business, small business, and in the home—except for games.

Circulation is "guaranteed" at 20,000, Freeman said. It will be distributed on a paid and controlled circulation basis. Subscription price for the magazine is \$12.50.

Portable Computer will be published by Miller Freeman publications. The San Francisco, CA, firm publishes 10 business magazines and six newsletters. The 80-year-old enterprises has offices in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Portland, London and Brussels.

The editor of the new publication is Stephen J. Schneiderman.

Guide to software writers' markets



Eric Balkan, editor of *Software Wanted: How and Where to Sell Your Program*, has announced the release of the 1982-83 version of his guide to software markets.

Referring to an article on CompuServe's Software Author's special interest group (80 *Micro*, November 1982, p. 470), Balkan lamented, "I was pained to read that there is no neatly bound directory of writers' markets for microcomputer programmers."

He said he publishes such a reference book. The 1981-82 edition contained 75 listings. This year's will contain more than 140. The listings include information on royalties paid by publishers, programs needed by software houses, and tips on what to look for before signing a contract.

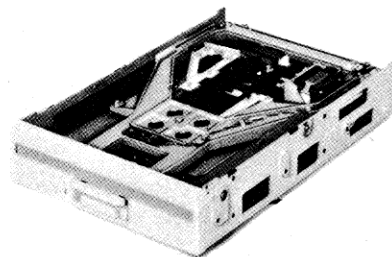
His book was favorably reviewed in *Creative Computing* in May 1982, he wrote.

For more than a year, Balkan has provided information on CompuServe for The Micro Advisor and Information News and Views. "I have yet to see any kind of decent money," he said. "I get a 12 percent royalty—which comes out to a penny a minute per user. That results in about \$70 a month. With that kind of remuneration, it doesn't pay to update the data bases very often."

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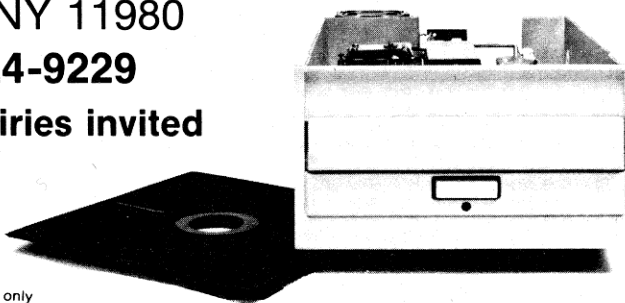
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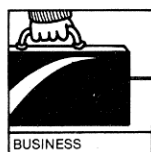
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Big Blue to be lion of desktop market by 1986



The Big Blue will dominate the desktop computer market by

1986, according to the president of the Yankee Group, a Boston, MA, consulting group.

Howard Anderson, in a report appearing in *Computerworld*, predicted International Business Machines would corner 19.2 percent of the desktop market by mid-decade.

Ways he said IBM would persuade 4 million users to buy its micros included marketing its Personal Computer through Sears Roebuck and Company and pumping \$1.6 billion into R&D for the PC.

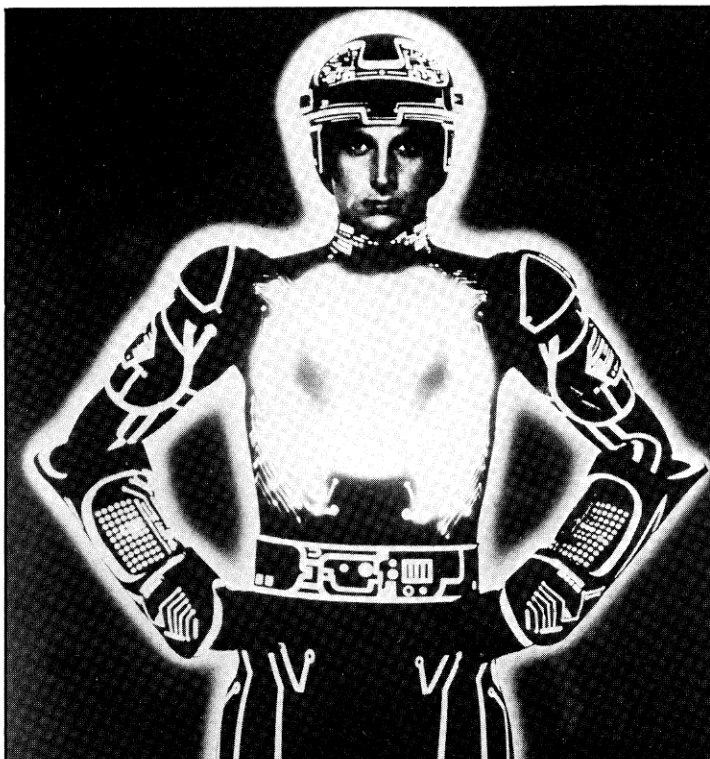
The Big Blue will also keep the competition reeling, he said, with a new product announcement every month.

Apple would lose its front spot in the market by failing to introduce new products, he contended.

Both Apple and Tandy would be hurt by IBM using the PC under the firm's Systems Network Architecture. He explained it is difficult to connect foreign equipment to an IBM network.

Pricing will be another factor in IBM's dominance. Anderson said the enterprise would peg its prices to 115 percent of the lowest prices in the market.

"IBM is turning into a must carry for retail outlets," he observed. He added other vendors may find themselves paying for shelf space in retail stores and losing profits



TEACHING WITH TRON Walt Disney Educational Media Company has released a 16mm film, *Computers: The Friendly Invasion*, introducing students to computers. Not only can youngsters see how man is building a better world with computers, but they can also see some dazzling computer graphics from *TRON*. The 19.5 minute movie for grades 5 to 12 can be ordered from WDEMC, 500 South Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521.

as a result.

In a related matter, Yankee released a report predicting what the home computer market will look like when the smoke clears in 1982.

The U.S. market for the micros will have increased 400 percent, to 1.76 million units worth more than \$1 billion, the report said. In 1981, it noted, 340,000 unit worth \$395 million were sold.

Yankee maintains sales of micros in the \$200 to \$500 and under \$200 range will continue to increase. Sales of micros over \$500 will decline,

it added.

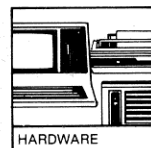
The report predicted \$200 to \$500 computers will have 53 percent of the home market in 1982 and 1983, the under \$200 micros 29 percent in 1982 and 34 percent in 1983. Over \$500 computers' market share will drop from 18 percent in 1982 to 13 percent in 1983.

In the top spot of the \$200 to \$500 group, Yankee forecasted a shift from Atari to Commodore or Texas Instruments. But it said Atari will bounce back in 1983, once it increases its production facil-

ities.

In 1981, Atari had 44 percent of the \$200 to \$500 market, Tandy 30 percent, TI 16 percent and Commodore 10 percent.

Generic R2D2



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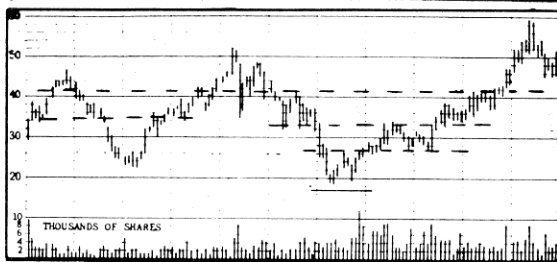
menter," the RB5X, has been announced by RB Robot Corporation of Golden, Co. (For related story, see *80 Micro* August 1982, p. 330.)

Looking like a generic R2D2 and priced at \$1195, the robot uses an INS 8073 microprocessor and a ring of "tactile sensors" (bumpers) to learn from its experience, detecting and responding to obstacles in its path. Once a random response proves successful, the droid remembers and repeats it when confronted with the same situation.

In the climax of its repertoire, the robot recharges its own batteries, sensing when the eight "C" and four "D" cells are low, finding its charger, and detaching itself when ready to roll again.

An RS-232 interface lets users transfer its memory to a microcomputer to study memory patterns and alter programs. The robot comes with three self-learning programs stored in 8K of RAM, (a \$295 option package adds 16K), a Polaroid sonar sensor, blinking lights. Its manufacturer promises game and equipment software and several more options in the near future, including a mechanical arm and a voice synthesizer.

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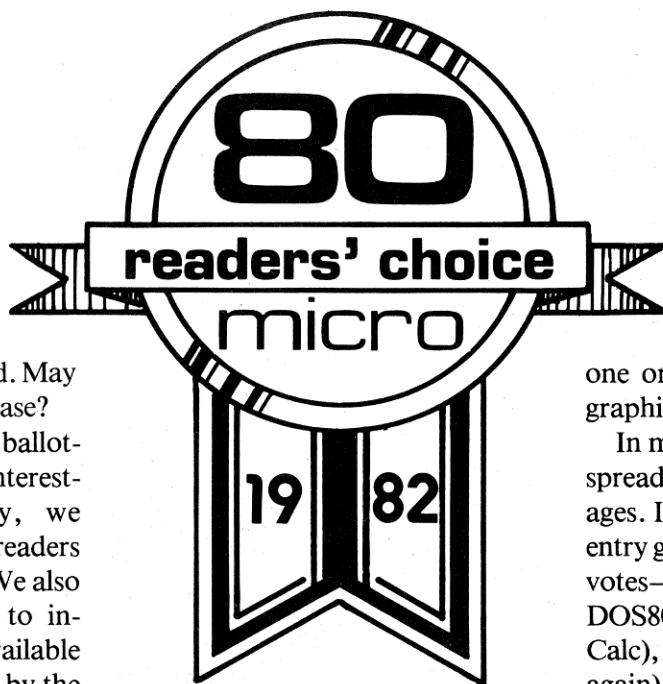
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The votes are in and counted. May we have the envelope, please?

Our first Readers' Choice balloting was, to say the least, an interesting experience. Naturally, we learned which software our readers consider to be numero uno. We also learned that it's impossible to include all of the software available for the TRS-80, as evidenced by the large number of write-ins. And finally, we picked up some tips on how we can improve the Readers' Choice Awards this year.

As for the results, we found few surprises. Several write-ins made it to the final list, most notably VisiCalc. Radio Shack led the way with most winners—22 in all. Eleven of those finished first. It seems that despite the vast support industry that

has grown around the TRS-80, Radio Shack is still a primary source of software.

Generally, what you see here are the three top finishers in each category. The exceptions are when there were ties (such as for Model I/III games) or not enough entries to warrant publishing more than the top

one or two (e.g., Color Computer graphics, Model II accounting).

In most categories, the votes were spread over a large number of packages. In only four categories did one entry get more than 50 percent of the votes—Model I/III DOSes (NEW-DOS80), Model I/III Business (VisiCalc), Model II Business (VisiCalc again), and Color Computer DOSes (TRSDOS).

In terms of sheer numbers, the top three overall were Model I/III NEWDOS80, Model I/III Scripsit, and Model I/III VisiCalc.

We'd like to thank the many readers who took the time to fill out and send in ballots (not to mention tear a page from their *80 Micros*). Keep those pencils sharpened for this year's balloting. ■

Model I/III

Accounting

1. Accounts Payable System (RS)
2. General Ledger (RS) (write-in)
3. Accounts Receivable, Invoices (Tarranto & Assoc. Inc.)
Versa Ledger (Computronics)

Business

1. VisiCalc (VisiCorp) (write-in)
2. Budget Management (RS)
3. Easy Calc (Instant Software)

Data-Base Management

1. Maxi Manager (Adventure International)
2. Aids-III (Meta Tech)
Profile III Plus (RS, small Computer Co.)

Data Communications

1. ST80 (Small Business Systems)
2. Modem 80 (Alternate Source)
3. Omniterm (Lindbergh)

Disk Operating Systems

1. NEWDOS80 (Apparat)
2. DOSPLUS (Micro Systems)
3. TRSDOS (RS)

Education

1. Typing Teacher (Instant Software)
2. Typing Tutor (Microsoft) (write-in)
3. K-8 Math with Student Management (RS)

Games

1. Scarfman (Cornsoft Group)
2. Eliminator (Adventure International)
3. Sargon II (chess) (Hayden)
Star Fighter (Adventure International)

Spelling Checkers

1. Electric Webster (Cornucopia)
2. Scripsit Dictionary (RS)
3. Chextext (Apparat)

Utilities

1. Super Utility Plus (Breeze/QSD)
2. EDTASM (RS)
3. Tasmon (Alternate Source)

Word Processing

1. Scripsit System I/III (RS)
2. Newscript (Prosoft)
3. Lazy Writer (Soft Sector)

Color Computer

Business

1. Spectaculator (RS)
2. Personal Finance (RS)
3. Stock Portfolio Management (MPP Graphics)

Data Communications

1. SuperColor Terminal (Nelson Software)
2. Colorcom/E (Eigen Systems) (write-in)

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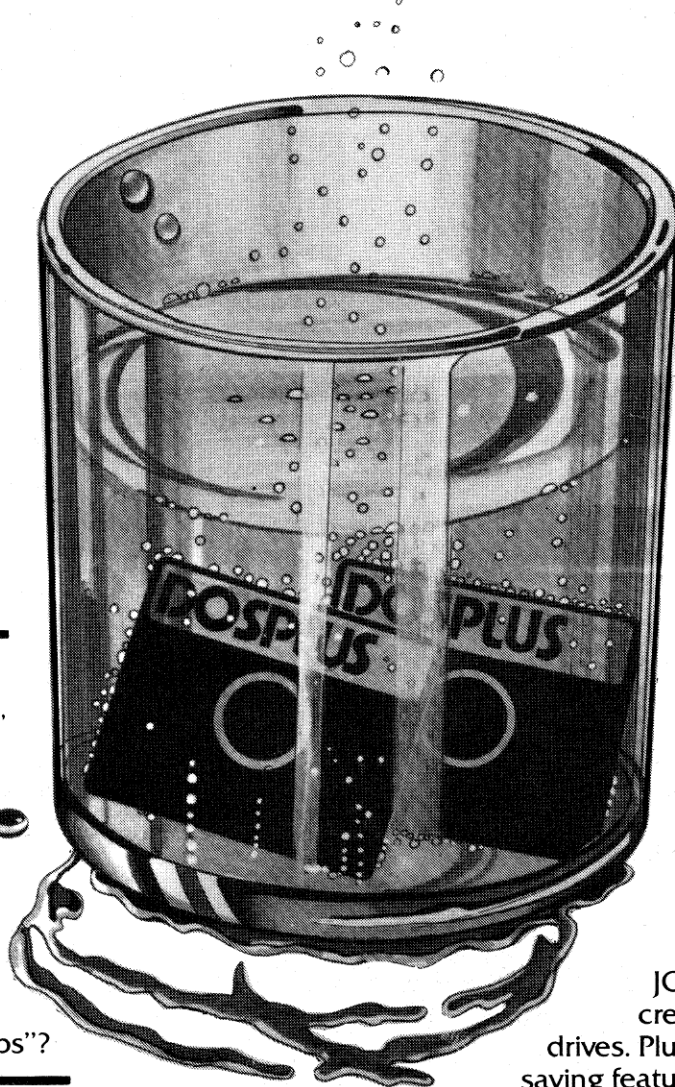
1. TRSDOS (RS)
2. CCMD + 9 (Cer-comp)
3. Flex (Frank Hogg Laboratory Inc.) (write-in)

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Graphics

1. MPP (MPP Graphics) (write-in)

Utilities

1. EDTASM+ (RS) (write-in)
2. CBUG (Micro Worker)
3. CCEAD (Eigen Systems) Sigmon (Data Soft) Editor/Assembler (Microworks)

Word Processing

1. Telewriter (Cognitec)
2. Color Scribes (RS)
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Model II

Accounting

1. Accounts Receivable (RS)

2. Accounts Receivable, Balance Forward (Taranto & Assoc.)

Business

1. VisiCalc (VisiCorp)
2. Aids-III (Meta Tech.)
3. Inventory Control System (RS) Market Tracker (H & H Trading) SuperCalc (Sorcim) (write-in)

Data-Base Management

1. Profile II (RS)
2. Database Management (Inst. for Scientific Anal.)
3. Aids-III (Meta Tech.)

Data Communications

1. Model II Videotex (RS)
2. Binary Synchronous Communications (RS)
3. Smart Terminal (Small Business Systems)

Disk Operating Systems

1. TRSDOS (RS)
2. CP/M (Digital Research)

Education

1. Microtyping (Hayden)

Games

1. Sargon II (Hayden)
2. Hypergate (Synware)

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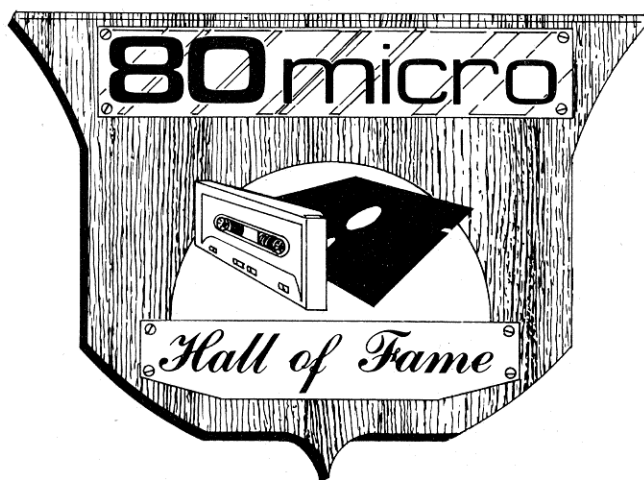
1. Medical Office Systems (Windham Software)
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Utilities

1. Development Package (Racet Computers)
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3. RSMII (Small Systems Software)

Word Processing

1. Scribes 2.0 (RS)
2. WordStar (Micro Pro)
3. Electric Pencil (IJG)



When six bedraggled editors get together to discuss software, you never know what's going to happen. And so it was when our ad hoc panel made its first selections for the *80 Micro* Hall of Fame.

The debate was lively, not only over the 12 packages that were nominated, but over the criteria for the honor. What features must a piece of software have before it can be considered one of the elite, one of the all-time greats? Mass appeal? Industry impact? Exceptional quality?

The answer was "all of the above"—with qualifications.

Some of us felt, for instance, that a program might deserve con-

sideration because it blazed trails or set trends in the TRS-80 world, even if it no longer was considered the best of its kind. Others felt that we had to consider extremely popular programs that, while they might not embody the highest level of quality or originality, are dependable and useful workhorses.

The process was further complicated by the fact that we agreed to operate by consensus—that is, everyone at the table had to say yes to a product before we inducted it.

We ended up with the five you see below.

Electric Pencil (IJG)

Electric Pencil caused quite a bit of debate, as one could expect from a

group of Scribes users. We agreed that better word processors might be available (although that's largely a matter of personal preference and need), and that EP is not the most popular word processor on the market. But we also reached the conclusion that no word processor has had the impact that EP did when it first debuted in 1976. It demonstrated conclusively that a TRS-80 could be used for serious word processing, and was the model for later word processors.

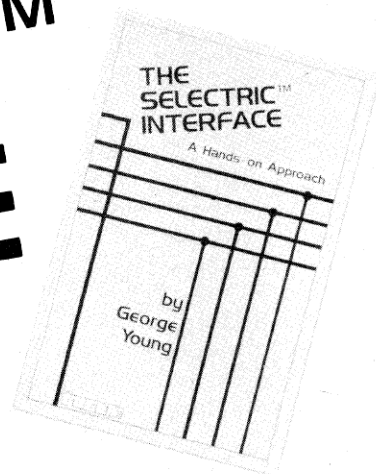
EP was a problem child for author Michael Shrayar at first, with 68 different versions for different machines, drivers, printers, and so on. Version 2.0, coauthored by IJG President Harvard Pennington, appeared in February of 1982. Pennington says over 50,000 copies—perhaps 5,000–7,000 of them actually bought—are in use.

"We felt it was a landmark piece of software, and it has fulfilled its expectations," says Pennington. "To some extent, all microcomputer word processors owe their success to Electric Pencil."

Scribes (Radio Shack)

In the early stages of the selection process, a lively debate grew between champions of Electric Pencil and supporters of Scribes. But it finally occurred to us that one did not necessarily have to be chosen to the exclusion of the other, simply because they were both word processors. And so Scribes

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became a member of the 80 Micro Hall of Fame.

Scripsit was not the first word processor, but it certainly has become the overwhelming choice of TRS-80 owners, and is the one to which all new entries are compared. It's now one of Radio Shack's best-selling programs. We chose Scripsit largely because of this universality. This popularity is reflected in the fact that Scripsit is modified by our readers far more than any other program

Scripsit was introduced in 1979. It received more in-house testing than most other Radio Shack programs, says Ed Juge, director of computer merchandising, because it was a program nearly everyone would use.

"It took off beautifully; it's been good to us," he says. "I think everyone has liked it in general."

Microsoft Basic (Microsoft)

Microsoft Basic was far and away the most obvious choice for the Hall of Fame. Hardly a TRS-80 owner lives who has not had some contact with this workhorse. Because it was an interpret-

ed language, it made editing and debugging a relative snap, and thus changed the face of microcomputer programming.

Microsoft Basic has been with microcomputers since the beginning, debuting on the Altair in 1975.

"We thought that micros could become pretty popular, and we wanted a language that was easy to use and that didn't have a lot of steps," says Bill Gates, Microsoft's executive vice president. Basic seemed like a good choice, so Microsoft wrote a version that would be appropriate to the microcomputer environment."

From the 4K models of those days, MBasic has grown to include graphics and other extensions. In the future, nonkeyboard input and even more graphics and business applications are likely.

"I think Microsoft Basic is running on more machines than any program around, and in some ways people take Basic for granted," says Gates. "I'm glad to see it getting recognition. If people still had to use machine language, it would be pretty bad."

How does Microsoft's position in the marketplace look?

"We are so dominant in Basic that I see us holding our position in that language," says Gates.

NEWDOS (Apparat)

"I feel like I just had a baby," Jason Matthews, manager of software research and development, said when we told him that NEWDOS had been elected to our Hall of Fame.

We chose NEWDOS because, as one of our panel said, "It wasn't the first DOS, but it was the first really usable one." Also, as our Readers' Choice results show, it has become the most popular.

NEWDOS was originally released in 1978 as a 35-track Model I DOS, written because TRSDOS 2.1 didn't function as most people expected an operating system to function. NEWDOS Plus upgraded the original, and added the Superzap utility. NEWDOS80 was introduced when the Model III began to supplant the Model I.

In the future, Apparat hopes to adapt NEWDOS for hard disks, as soon as the market indicates which one to support.

Creator and still sole author is "Sam Jones," who wishes to keep his privacy and avoid being swamped by

phone calls.

"But I'll call him as soon as we hang up, and I can guarantee you'll hear the 'Whoopee' clear out in New Hampshire," Matthews said.

Adventure (Microsoft), Adventureland (Adventure International)

This created the most controversy on our panel, for two reasons. First, the original adventure games were on mainframes, and the TRS-80 versions were derivatives. Second, the word "adventure" refers more to a genre than to a specific program.

But there can be no doubt about the impact adventure games have had on the TRS-80 world. They are often among the first programs novices use and beginning programmers write. In addition, they have also provided many computerphobes with a painless and pleasurable introduction to computers.

The origins of adventure games seem to be shrouded in the mists of computer lore. Adventure experts agree that they've been played on mainframes for years, but they took several paths to reach the land of the micros. But here's what several phone calls produced:

The progenitor of the adventure games was a mainframe adventure called Colossal Caves, written by William Crowther and Don Woods in the mid-70s on a DEC PDP. The first TRS-80 adventure, said Adventure International president Scott Adams, was his Adventureland, inspired by, but not based on, Colossal Caves. Adventureland came out in the summer of 1978, about six months before AI officially set up shop.

Meanwhile, Gordon Letwin, then with Heath and author of HDOS, was working on Adventure, completing it in 1979. Letwin said he took his game directly from the mainframe version (though he knew it not as Colossal Caves but as Adventure).

"We supported all the esoteric features, and even some of the original bugs, of the first version," he said.

He finally marketed the game through Microsoft, for whom he is now working.

At first, we didn't know whether to give our award to Adventure or Adventureland. We finally concluded that both deserved it equally, and have thus ushered them into the Hall of Fame as a tandem. ■



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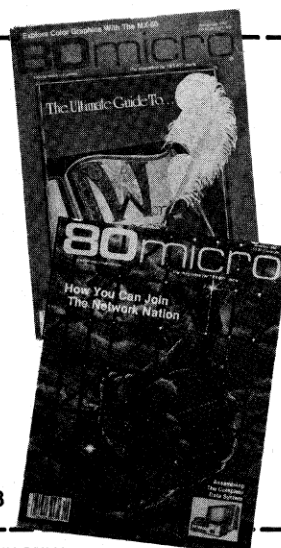
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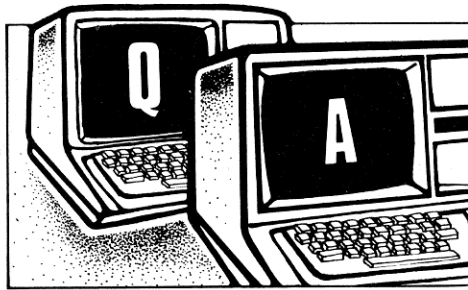
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Regarding key repeat (T.B., Glendora, RCA, October issue), Byte magazine (4/82) has a machine-language program "Mod III, TRS-80 Model III features for your Model I," page 380, by Joe Rocke that might be what he's looking for. It works quite well on my Model I.

J.R.T.
Clinton, MA

True, but T.B. was asking for a program in Basic that would give him a flashing cursor (his letter was condensed to conserve column space).



Problems and solutions

Regarding the weather forecasting program requested by L.R. (September issue), enclosed is a program I wrote for that purpose. It was developed from information from a National Weather Bureau chart. The program is a computerized version of that chart.

A.P.
Kenosha, WI

Your program works pretty well. It's presented here as Program Listing 1.

Let me add to your answer to A. N. (October issue). It's possible to use upper and lowercase with Scripsit in a computer without the lowercase modification. Holding down the shift and Scripsit control key will give all lowercase letters ex-

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100 CLEAR 500:DIM FCS(19),WDS(8),BTS(5)
110 FCS(1)="CONTINUED FAIR, NO DECIDED TEMP CHANGE"
120 FCS(2)="SLOWLY RISING TEMP AND FAIR FOR 2 DAYS"
130 FCS(3)="FAIR WITH SLIGHT TEMP CHANGES FOR 1 TO 2 DAYS"
140 FCS(4)="FAIR, FOLLOWED WITHIN 2 DAYS BY WARMER AND RAIN"
150 FCS(5)="WARMER WITH RAIN IN 24 TO 36 HOURS"
160 FCS(6)="RAIN WITHIN 12 HOURS"
170 FCS(7)="RAIN WITHIN 12 TO 18 HOURS"
180 FCS(8)="WARMER WITH RAIN IN 18 TO 24 HOURS"
190 FCS(9)="INCREASING WINDS, RAIN WITHIN 12 TO 24 HOURS"
200 FCS(10)="INCREASING WIND WITH RAIN, WITHIN 12 HOURS"
210 FCS(11)="SUMMER - WITH LIGHT WINDS, RAIN MAY NOT FALL FOR SEVERAL DAYS"
220 FCS(12)="SUMMER - RAIN PROBABLE WITHIN 12 TO 24 HOURS"
230 FCS(13)="WINTER - RAIN OR SNOW WITH INCREASING WINDS OFTEN OCCURS WHEN THE BAROMETER BEGINS TO FALL AND THE WIND SETS IN FROM THE NORTHEAST"
240 FCS(14)="CLEARING WITHIN A FEW HOURS, CONTINUED FAIR FOR SEVERAL DAYS"
250 FCS(15)="RAIN WILL CONTINUE FOR 1 TO 2 DAYS"
260 FCS(16)="RAIN WITH HIGH WINDS, FOLLOWED WITHIN 24 TO 36 HOURS BY CLEARING AND COOLER, COLDER IN WINTER"
270 FCS(17)="CLEARING AND COLDER"
280 FCS(18)="SEVERE STORM OF WIND WITH RAIN OR SNOW IMMINENT !!! FOLLOWED WITHIN 24 HOURS BY CLEARING AND COLDER"
290 FCS(19)="SEVERE NORTHEAST GALES AND HEAVY RAIN OR SNOW !!! FOLLOWED IN WINTER BY A COLD WAVE"
300 FCS(19)="TRANSITION PERIOD - RECHECK WITH LATER DATA"
310 BTS(1)="STEADY"
320 BTS(2)="RISING SLOWLY"
330 BTS(3)="RISING FAST"
340 BTS(4)="FALLING SLOWLY"
350 BTS(5)="FALLING FAST"
360 WDS(1)="NORTH"
370 WDS(2)="NORTH EAST"
380 WDS(3)="EAST"
390 WDS(4)="SOUTH EAST"
400 WDS(5)="SOUTH"
410 WDS(6)="SOUTH WEST"
420 WDS(7)="WEST"
430 WDS(8)="NORTH WEST"
440 CLS
450 PRINT "ENTER BAROMETER READING"
460 INPUT B
470 PRINT "ENTER NUMBER THAT DESCRIBES BAROMETER MOVEMENT TREND"
480 PRINT "1 = STEADY"
490 PRINT "2 = RISING SLOWLY"
500 PRINT "3 = RISING FAST"
510 PRINT "4 = FALLING SLOWLY"
520 PRINT "5 = FALLING FAST"
530 INPUT C
540 CLS
550 PRINT "ENTER NUMBER THAT DESCRIBES WIND DIRECTION"
560 PRINT "1 = NORTH"
570 PRINT "2 = NORTH EAST"
580 PRINT "3 = EAST"
590 PRINT "4 = SOUTH EAST"
600 PRINT "5 = SOUTH"
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620 PRINT "6 = SOUTH WEST"
630 PRINT "7 = WEST"
640 PRINT "8 = NORTH WEST"
650 INPUT W:CLS
660 PRINT "INFORMATION ENTERED AS PRESENT CONDITIONS"
670 PRINT "BAROMETER READING: ";B
680 PRINT "BAROMETER MOVEMENT TREND: ";BTS(C)
690 PRINT "WIND DIRECTION: ";WDS(W)
700 PRINT
710 PRINTTAB(16) "***** HERE IS THE FORECAST *****"
720 IF (B>30.2) THEN 760
730 IF (B>30.1) AND (B<30.2) THEN 850
740 IF (B>30) AND (B<30.1) THEN I=19:GOTO 1170
750 IF (B<30) THEN 1000
760 IF (W=6) AND (W<=8) THEN 790
770 IF (W=2) OR (W=3) THEN 820
780 GOTO 1090
790 IF C=1 THEN I=1:GOTO 1170
800 IF C=4 THEN I=2:GOTO 1170
810 GOTO 1090
820 IF C=4 THEN I=11:GOTO 1170
830 IF C=5 THEN I=12:GOTO 1170
840 GOTO 1090
850 IF (W=6) AND (W<=8) THEN 890
860 IF (W=4) OR (W=5) THEN 940
870 IF (W=2) OR (W=3) THEN 970
880 GOTO 1090
890 IF C=1 THEN I=3:GOTO 1170
900 IF C=3 THEN I=4:GOTO 1170
910 IF C=4 THEN I=5:GOTO 1170
920 IF C=5 THEN I=8:GOTO 1170
930 GOTO 1090
940 IF C=4 THEN I=6:GOTO 1170
950 IF C=5 THEN I=9:GOTO 1170
960 GOTO 1090
970 IF C=4 THEN I=7:GOTO 1170
980 IF C=5 THEN I=10:GOTO 1170
990 GOTO 1090
1000 IF (C=2) AND ((W=5) OR (W=6)) THEN I=13:GOTO 1170
1010 IF (C=4) AND ((W=2) OR (W=3) OR (W=4)) THEN I=14:GOTO 1170
1020 IF (B<30) AND (B>29.8) THEN 1040
1030 IF (B<29.8) THEN 1060
1040 IF (C=5) AND ((W=2) OR (W=3) OR (W=4)) THEN I=15:GOTO 1170
1050 GOTO 1090
1060 IF (C=3) AND (W=3) THEN I=16:GOTO 1170
1070 IF (C=5) AND ((W=4) OR (W=5)) THEN I=17:GOTO 1170
1080 IF (C=5) AND ((W=1) OR (W=2) OR (W=3)) THEN I=18:GOTO 1170
1090 PRINT "NO FORECAST FOR THE CONDITIONS ENTERED"
1100 PRINT
1110 PRINT "CHECK YOUR DATA TO SEE IF IT IS CORRECT. IF NOT,"
1120 PRINT "ENTER THE CORRECT DATA BEGINNING AT THE PROMPT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN"
1130 PRINT "IF DATA IS CORRECT, PROBABLY GOING TO BE NICE ANYWAY"
1140 PRINT "IF YOU'RE REALLY CONCERNED, CHECK WITH THE WEATHER BUREAU"
1150 PRINT
1160 GOTO 440
1170 PRINT FCS(I)
1180 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:GOTO 440
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a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

As you can imagine, your screen will look like it's filled with garbage and editing is quite difficult, but it does work.

J.D.D.
Galveston, IN

Regarding A.N. of the October issue, there is such a program. It was published in the May 1980 issue of 80 Microcomputing ("Basic Word Processor," page 50). This one program alone has paid for my subscription to date.

E.F.K.
Peru, IL

In answer to A.N., I do know of a patch to let you operate Scripsit in up-

percase/lowercase on an unmodified Model I.

An article of mine included a short 61-byte subroutine that converts all code sent to the video to uppercase, while leaving the code in your text buffer in lowercase. A different-shaped cursor informs the writer of the case of the letter he's examining.

The article is going to be published by 80 Micro in a book of Scripsit modifications, which will be released soon.

T.L.Q.
Burke, VA

I had the same problem as A.N.: My printer supported lowercase, but my Model I didn't. Since I couldn't find a program that would let me use my system as is, I wrote one. TRS-Ed, as it's called, is marketed by Single Source Solution, 2699 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94519.

E.S.
Rockville, MD

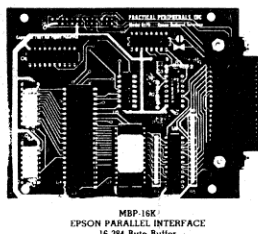
About A.N.'s question, my word

processor TXMODE, does store lowercase in the memory of a Model I with the lowercase display modification. TXMODE is a machine-language, tape-based word processor, and is sold by Tops Programming Enterprises (8990 S.W. Camille Terrace, Portland, OR 97223) and retails for \$29.95 plus \$2 for shipping.

S.E.
Portland, OR

Our program, The Word Machine, is the answer to A.N.'s problem of using his unmodified Model I for word processing. We have two versions of The Word Machine (which was reviewed in 80 Micro, September 1982). One supports the features of the Centronics printers (Radio Shack Line Printers), and the other supports Epson MX printers.

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Granada Hills, CA

Attached is an Assembly-language listing (see Program Listing 2) that lets you use Scripsit/LC on an unmodified Model I. All characters are displayed as uppercase, but printed properly in upper and lowercase as needed.

The program can be keyed in with either an Editor/Assembler or a machine-language monitor like Debug. When completed, store the routine on the same disk as Scripsit/LC with the following command:

DUMP WP/CMD (START = X'F000',END = X'F05D',TRA = X'F02F')

To execute the routine from TRSDOS, type in WP and press enter. The routine will load Scripsit/LC into memory, make the necessary patches, and then turn control over to Scripsit/LC.

T.E.C.
Charlotte, NC

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00100 ;
00110 ;
00120 ;
00130 ;
00140 ;
00150 ;
00160 ;
00170 LC

PRGM: WP/CMD
BY: TED E. CASH
DATE: 9/6/82
PURPOSE: PATCH SCRIPSIT/LC TO DISPLAY UPPERCASE
        AND PRINT UPPERCASE/LOWERCASE

ORG 0F000H ;ANYWHERE ABOVE 7AA5H
DEFM 'SCRIPSIT/LC'

F000 00100
F000 53 00190
F001 43 00200 PAT1
F002 52 00210 PAT2
F003 49 00220
F004 50 00230
F005 53 00240
F006 49 00250
F007 54 00260 START
F008 2F 00270
F009 4C 00280
F00A 43 00290
F00B 03 00300
F014 00190
F020 C30252 00200 PAT1
F023 08 00210 PAT2
F024 CB7F 00220
F026 C2975F 00230
F029 CD355A 00240
F02C C3AD5F 00250
F02F 1100F0 00260 START
F032 CD3044 00270
F035 C22040 00280
F038 CD2844 00290
F03B 2120F0 00300
F03E 11925F 00310
F041 010300 00320
F044 EDB0 00330
F046 2123F0 00340
F049 110252 00350
F04C 010C00 00370
F04F EDB0 00380
F051 3E2D 00390
F053 329565 00400
F056 3E40 00410
F058 329665 00420
F05B C30052 00430
F02F 00440
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

DEFS 3
DEFS 14H
JP 5202H ;PATCH AREA
EX AF,AF' ;REPLACE CODE
BIT 7,A ; IN PATCH AREA
JP NZ,5F97H ;CONTINUE ON IF CNTL CHAR
CALL 5A35H ;CONVERT LOWER TO UPPER
JP 5FADH ;JUMP TO MAIN ROUTINE
LD DE,LC ;GET ADDR OF PGM TO LOAD
CALL 4430H ;TRSDOS LOAD ROUTINE
JP NZ,402DH ;IF ERROR RETURN TO OPSYS
CALL 44B8H ;CLOSE DISK FILE
LD HL,PAT1 ;GET ADDR OF JUMP PATCH
LD DE,5F92H ;POINT TO DEST.
LD BC,3 ;BYTE COUNT
LDIR ;MOVE IT
LD HL,PAT2 ;GET ADDR OF PATCH
LD DE,5202H ;PATCH AREA-RADIO SHACK
LD BC,0CH ; COPYRIGHT STATEMENT
LDIR ;BYTE COUNT
LD A,2DH ;MOVE IT
LD (6595H),A ;FIX
LD A,40H ; UP END TO
LD (6596H),A ; RETURN TO
JP 5200H ; TRSDOS - NOT REBOOT
END START ;JUMP TO SCRIPSIT/LC

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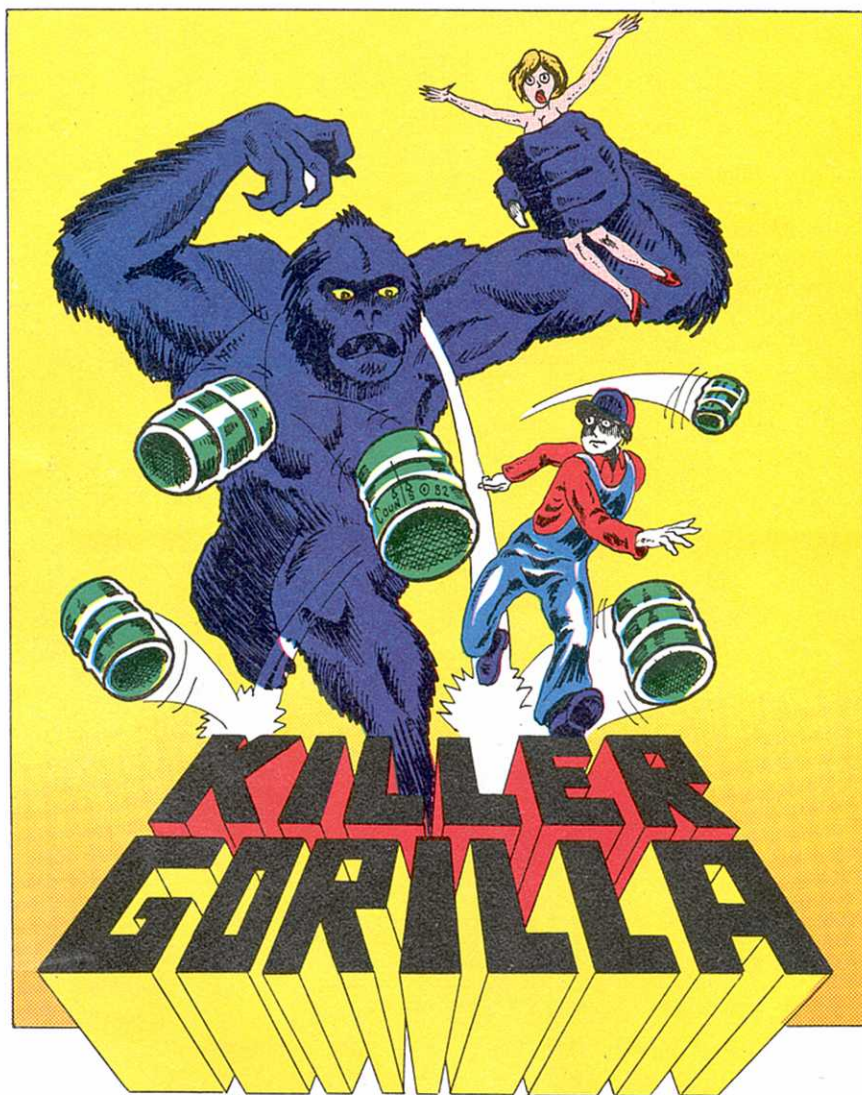
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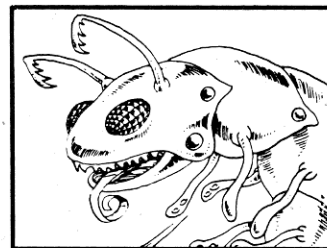


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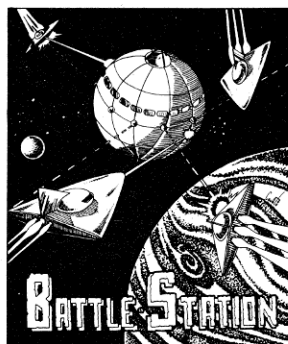


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Volume 4

All The News That's Fit To ZAP!

Users vote no to the same OLD ARCADE GAMES



(DV 1982) Blurry eyed users have turned to **DISPLAYED VIDEO** to answer their need for new and exciting arcade games. In response, **DISPLAYED VIDEO** has announced eight new programs for the TRS-80* Models I-III. These arcade type games feature sound, graphics, joystick compatibility and are written in machine language for maximum speed! Both disk and tape versions allow the user to save high scores, a feature not usually found on cassette based games. Maze enthusiasts seem to like Ghost Hunter and Killer

Beetles, while gun slingers look toward Insect Frenzy, Jungle Raiders, Space Shootout, Alien Cresta and Battle Stations for excitement. A Game that does not fall into these categories is Hoppy. It features wild drivers, sinking turtles, and hungry alligators. These programs are distributed exclusively by **DISPLAYED VIDEO** and written by Dubois and McNamara. Pricing for these programs is \$15.95 for tape and \$19.95 for disk. Reliable sources inside the company indicate Killer Gorilla will be available by the time you read this.

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As you can see, A.N.'s request for help on using his unmodified Model I for word processing was amply answered. The first suggestion, using Scripsit with the punctuation and numeral characters displayed, is awkward and difficult. Few people have the patience to use it.

The second suggestion, using the Basic program published in *80 Micro* will work very well.

T.L.Q.'s patch to Scripsit sounds exactly like what A.N. wanted, a simple patch for his copy of Scripsit. If anyone's interested in the book of Scripsit Patches, watch this column and I'll let you know when it's available, and what it has. Fortunately, T.C. of Charlotte, NC, included a simple patch routine (Listing 2).

The last three readers offered programs that let you use an unmodified Model I for word processing. About their merits, since I haven't seen them I can't say, although the reviewer of *The Word Machine* in the September (page 112) issue seemed to like it.

If you have software or hardware that might be of interest to readers of this column, please let me know by sending advertisements, documentation. After all, if I don't know about it, how can I tell the readers?

I use a Microline 80 printer with my TRS-80. It works fine, but now it's time for me to change the ribbon. I tried the computer store where I purchased the printer, but was told they don't carry them. I asked the salesperson for the ribbon's specification, but was told they don't have them. What good is the printer without the ribbon? Can you help?

E.W.
Charlotte, SC

I called Okidata (609-235-2600), and found that you should use only Okidata or Okidata-approved ribbons. These ribbons contain a special lubricant that keeps the print head in optimal condition. Using a ribbon not approved by Okidata will severely degrade the life of your print head. You can get ribbons directly from Okidata (\$3.18 each) if you buy them in lots of 12 (\$38.16 total). If you want to buy them individually, contact a local distributor, which in your case would be either Ten-Tech Associates, Greensborough (919-852-6000), or Interact Company, Ashville (704-254-

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(We inadvertently published the following letter with an incorrect solution in our November 1982 issue. Terry brought it to our attention, and has since provided us with the corrected version below.—Eds.)

I have a TRS-80 Model II, an Epson MX-80 printer, and Scripsit. I can't get the printer to print in the emphasized mode.

I've sent letters to both Radio Shack and Epson America, and it seems that they can't help me. I know nothing about programming.

H.J.
Skokie, IL

***"Why doesn't my
Epson MX-80 print head
reset itself
on the left margin?"***

Your main problem is the word processor. The Epson printer can be made to print in the emphasized mode by sending it the proper escape code, followed by the code for emphasized printing. While the TRS-80 Model II can easily transmit any code generated by Scripsit, Scripsit itself can't generate the code required. If you were in Basic, you could use the CHR\$(x) command to send the proper codes to the printer via the LPRINT command, subsequent LPRINTs would be printed in the emphasized mode, until the printer is turned off or the escape code followed by the code to turn off the emphasized print mode is sent.

Unfortunately for Model II Scripsit users, Scripsit reinitializes the printer port when it loads into memory. If you had the Grafrax modification on your Epson, you could use one of the internal hardware switches to set the Epson to turn on in the emphasized mode. There's another switch you should check: Early model Epson printers have a switch labeled "TRS-80 Mode." If this switch (number 2-4) is set to on, you won't be able to use the emphasized mode. Check your manual and printer

to see if the switch is on or off.

Finally, if you're using condensed mode, you can't go into emphasized mode, they're mutually exclusive.

If nothing else works, you might consider getting Scripsit 2.0. It's supposed to let you embed printer codes in your text files.

My problem is with my tractor-feed Epson TX-80 printer, which is no longer made. When printing several sheets, the tractor-feed pins on the left belt begin to go off center, causing the paper to lag behind on the left side. If I maintain a steady pull on the paper, everything is okay, but if I don't, the paper jams. The paper is directly below the printer, so it can't be that the paper weight is too much. It seems as if the belt on the left side is slipping, but it's hard to notice.

J.G.
Bergenfield, NJ

I called the technical-support department of Epson America (213-539-9140). They told me that the left belt is probably stretched and not turning the pin-feed mechanism properly. Take the printer to a local support center and have them check out the tractor-feed mechanism (the problem could be the line feed motor). To get the name and address of the closest Epson support center (there are six in your state), call Epson's phone number and ask for the service department.

Why doesn't my Epson MX-80 print head reset itself on the left margin? Sometimes when I turn it on, it slowly slides left, then right, then left, then right, and so on.

G.K.
Charlotte, NC

Several things could be wrong: The head-home sensor, which detects when the print head has reached "home" (the left margin), could be bad; the PTS sensor, which tracks the head position on the print carriage, could be faulty; or any of the chips of the associated circuits on the previous two devices could be failing. Also, whether you have a Grafrax installed could make a difference.

Your best solution is to get in contact with The Computer Room (704-377-9821), the closest Epson America sup-

port center in your state, and have them take a look at it.

I have almost mastered Grafrax in my Epson MX-80, driven by a Model I 48K TRS-80.

I'm having a problem using the 480-dot graphics mode from Basic. Using the example in the manual, suppose I want to print 50 dots but want to start at the 14th dot column instead of the first printing position. If the offset equals six dots, or some multiple of six, I could position the print head at the desired place by using LPRINTTAB(x) before entering graphics mode. But if the offset isn't divisible by six, that won't work.

I have tried:

```
10 LPRINTCHR$(27)"K";
20 POKE 14312,14
30 IF PEEK(14312) <> 63 THEN 30
40 POKE 14312,0
50 IF PEEK(14312) <> 63 THEN 50
60 FOR I=1 TO 14
70 LPRINT " ";
80 NEXT
```

*The output was 14 dots!
Help!*

*R.F.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Grafrax-80 is supposed to automatically justify to the next tab position if you're mixing tabs and graphics. Grafrax-Plus doesn't do this.

I don't know the solution to that problem. A technical man at Epson said your program should work. He suggested you enter the bit-image mode and send 13 spaces as data, and then start sending the graphics data (put your PEEK-POKE combinations in a loop and send the blanks one at a time). If that doesn't work, tab to the closest dot position (as a multiple of six) before the position you want to start printing, and send the extra blanks you need to get to the correct position.

In any case, Epson will be sending you a free pamphlet, *Bit-Image Graphics on the Epson*, which should help you.

I purchased SuperScripsit for my

48K, dual-disk TRS-80 Model III and Epson MX-80 FT with Grafrax printer. The problem is that the printing is in compressed mode only. Changing the Scripsit printer selection switches (DW2, LP4, LP8) doesn't help. The procedure described on page 120 of the SuperScripsit manual also doesn't help. The people at the Radio Shack Computer Center suggested that I get a new printer driver, but I have no idea where to get one.

*G.O.
Phoenix, AZ*

The author of SuperScripsit, Sam Sauloman, decided that the best way to accommodate the variety of different printers on the market was to write it to use a separate printer driver. That way, any printer could be used with SuperScripsit when the proper printer driver was used. What this means is that until a printer driver is written for any given printer, you must use SuperScripsit with the drivers.

Unfortunately for Epson printer

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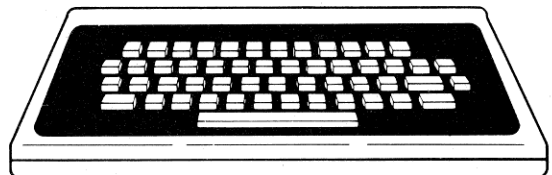
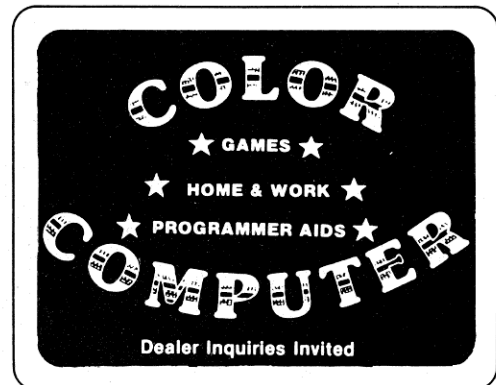
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owners, none of these drivers work right with Epson printers. Epson's technical department referred me to Apparat (Apparat is currently preparing a SuperScript driver for the Epson MX printer). They told me the new driver should be ready soon. The driver will require that your Epson printer have the Grafrax Plus (in order to use the underlining feature). It will also be unable to switch print modes within a document.

The SuperScript manual lists the source code for the DWII driver and includes an example of how a printer driver works, but writing one for yourself isn't a job for the novice. There's lots of code, and the instructions for writing your own driver don't give you enough specifics to make the job easier.

The letter from F.G. of Warren, MI, (September issue), regarding why the LPRINT instruction didn't give the expected response, was of interest to me and might be of more interest to your readers than you know!

Your answer was to use the command LPRINT " ". But there's at least one printer with such badly written software (by the manufacturer's admission) that the printer won't execute a carriage return/line feed, even if instructed LPRINT, LPRINT " ", OUT###,13, or LPRINTCHR\$(13)! In particular, the Microtek Bytewriter I (also sold as the Tekwriter), when mated with a Model III, has several control codes that don't function properly.

My dealings with Microtek concerning this matter have made it crystal clear that they are a company to avoid. It took nearly three months to get delivery, although I was never told to expect such a delay. It was apparent from the beginning that the printer was worthless and my calls to the manufacturer produced such results as "You don't understand how to use it," and, "Give it some time, it'll grow on you." I'm working on my master's degree in computer science; I know how to use it and I didn't spend several hundred dollars just to let something "grow on me."

After the warranty had expired I was told that they knew all about the glitch and were trying to fix it. Five months after receiving the printer, they finally allowed me to send it back for a refund. Two months passed before I was informed that they were sending the printer back to me and "If I didn't like it, I

could sell it locally." It turned out that they had lost the paperwork. After days of screaming phone calls they found the paperwork and assured me that the refund would soon be on its way.

That was something like five weeks ago and I've been told (repeatedly) that it will be at least another two weeks, but probably much longer before I receive any money. In all I've lost about \$100 in replacement-printer rentals, unexpected credit-card expenses, and shipping on this "equipment."

But back to your response to F.G., please inform him (and everyone else) that if a printer does not respond to LPRINTCHR\$(13), they should call the manufacturer immediately!

J.M.
Louisville, KY

***"It was apparent
from the beginning
that the printer
was worthless. . ."***

Before anyone contacts an equipment manufacturer he should first make sure the problem is actually with the equipment and not the operator. For a printer this means checking out your equipment first. Yesterday I had the unfortunate experience of having a Daisy Wheel printer die. All of a sudden it was printing garbage. I decided to verify the problem by reconnecting my old dot-matrix printer. It also didn't work right, printing everything in lowercase only and ignoring line feeds. Experimentation discovered the true culprit—my printer cable. The cable had gone bad, a wire close to the connector had broken. Depending on the position of the cable and how it was flexed, the printers worked fine, partially worked, or didn't work at all.

If you are experiencing line-feed problems with a printer, perform these tests in this order:

- Reread the printer's documentation (there might be a switch you can set to fix the problem).

- Send LPRINT, LPRINT " ", LPRINT " ";CHR\$(10),LPRINT " ";CHR\$(13), and LPRINTCHR\$(138) commands (Level II Basic intercepts and ignores CHR\$(10) and CHR\$(13) if they're at the beginning of an LPRINT).

- Try a different printer cable.
- Try your computer with a different printer (your printer port could be at fault).
- Try having a friend use your printer on his computer.

If all these procedures leave you with a printer that won't line feed when you command it, call the manufacturer and clearly explain the problem.

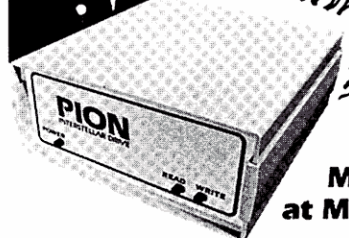
About your difficulties with the Microtek printer, the technician I talked to said that the printer functions exactly as the documentation says it should when connected to a Model I or Model III. Since no one else has complained to him about difficulties with using the printer on a Model III, he suggests that the culprit was probably the PROM in that particular printer.

Your refund is another problem. According to Microtek's customer-service representative, Sally, your printer was shipped to you on November 19, 1981. You returned the printer to them on May 13, 1982 (that's when they received it). The Bytewriter was sold with a 30-day money-back guarantee, so you should've returned it to them before December 31 to qualify for a refund. However, a technician in their service department authorized the return and the refund. Unfortunately, many people who bought the Bytewriter also returned their units. In the confusion, the paperwork for your printer was misplaced, but finally, on July 1, the management authorized your refund.

In August, because of the cash-flow problem created by the Bytewriter printer (to compete on the market, their profit margin had to be slim and the refunds ate it away), Microtek filed for Chapter 11. Since then they have been paying off authorized refunds as cash becomes available. The money to pay these refunds is being generated by the sales of new peripherals from Microtek for the Atari, Apple, and IBM computers, which, according to Sally, are booming. At the moment, September 15, they're mailing refunds to the people who canceled their orders in May. Sally expects to be processing your refund sometime in the next three or four weeks. ■

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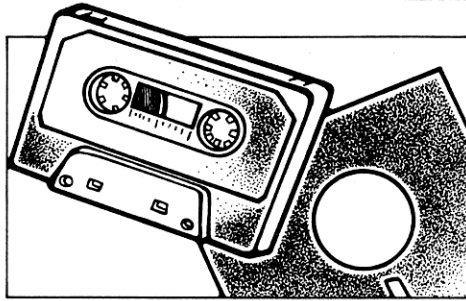
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One of the few programs missing from this cassette is Jake Commander's "Spirals," from "Spiromania, Part II," June/July—80 Micro does not own the software publishing rights.

Color Load 80 bonus

The 1982 Load 80 Index also appears in this issue. If you've been wondering

what we published in past months, scan this list. These are Model I/III programs and as always, 80 Micro is the documentation. Tapes or disks for all months are available and can be ordered by calling (800) 258-5473 or by using the Load 80 advertisements in this magazine.

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This column will cover a number of interesting topics in 1983, including how to load and assemble Load 80 programs, load difficult tapes, maintain your recorder, maintain your disk drives and convert cassette I/O to disk. For complete use of Load 80, read this column. ■

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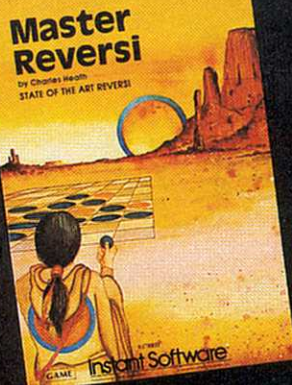
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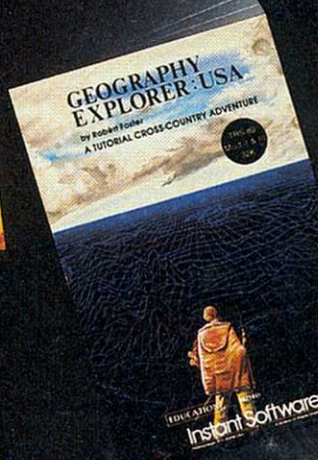
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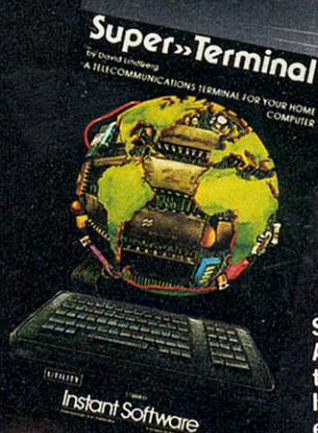
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By Richard Ramella

TIME

Happy New Year!

What better time of the year to think about time than January? Everyone who goes through the Fun House this chilly month will receive a perpetual calendar, an egg timer, and a leap-year lesson; plus a Nickel Bargain Bin offer for an electronic birthday card.

The programs are given for Level II and the Color Computer.

Time...I don't really know what it is. I do know we humans have developed tools and systems for dealing with it in interesting ways. To enter the Secret Time Passage of the Fun House, step inside the giant grandfather clock.

Leap Year

A leap year is a year that has 366 days instead of the regular 365. There is a leap year every four years—nearly. Why are there leap years? Without leap years the calendar would get out of step with the sun and it would take about 760 years to put the whole system out of whack by six months. Imagine celebrating the Fourth of July hip deep in snow.

Hooray for leap years.

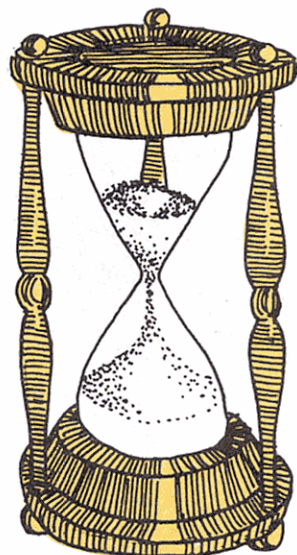
The leap year system started in

Leap Year

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100 REM * LEAP YEAR / LEVEL II AND COLOR COMPUTER *
110 CLS
120 PRINT "A REGULAR YEAR HAS 365 DAYS,"
130 PRINT "BUT LEAP YEARS HAVE 366 WITH THE EXTRA DAY AS FEBRUAR
Y 29."
140 PRINT "LEAP YEARS ARE EVENLY DIVISIBLE BY FOUR;"
150 PRINT "HOWEVER, YEARS ENDING IN -00 ARE ONLY LEAP YEARS"
160 PRINT "IF EVENLY DIVISIBLE BY 400."
170 PRINT
180 INPUT "ENTER A YEAR TO CHECK LEAP YEAR STATUS";A
190 IF A<1582 THEN PRINT "THE LEAP YEAR SYSTEM BEGAN IN 1582.":
GOTO 180
200 A$=STR$(A)
210 IF RIGHT$(A$,2)="00" GOTO 230
220 IF A/4=INT(A/4) GOTO 250
230 IF A/400=INT(A/400) GOTO 250
240 PRINT "NO,";A;" IS NOT A LEAP YEAR": END
250 PRINT "YES,";A;" IS A LEAP YEAR"
260 END
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Sands of Time

```
100 REM * SANDS OF TIME / LEVEL ii *
110 CLS
120 X=0
130 L=0
140 Z=40
150 FOR Y=0 TO 20
160 FOR X=L TO Z
170 SET(X,Y)
180 NEXT X
190 L=L+1
200 Z=Z-1
210 NEXT Y
220 X=X-1
230 Z=X
240 FOR Y=Y TO 40
250 SET(X,Y)
260 SET(Z,Y)
270 X=X-1
280 Z=Z+1
290 NEXT Y
300 FOR X=0 TO 40
310 SET(X,Y)
320 NEXT X
330 X=2
340 L=2
350 Z=38
360 FOR Y=1 TO 19
370 X=L
380 FOR X=L TO Z
390 RESET(X,Y)
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Listing continues

Listing continued

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400 B=20
410 FOR A=22 TO 40
420 SET(B,A)
430 IF POINT(B,A+1)=-1 N=N+1: GOTO 450
440 GOTO 580
450 IF N=2 N=0: GOTO 520
460 IF POINT(B+1,A+1)=-1 A=40: GOTO 590
470 RESET(B,A)
480 B=B+1
490 A=A+1
500 SET(B,A)
510 GOTO 460
520 IF POINT(B-1,A+1)=-1 A=40: GOTO 590
530 RESET(B,A)
540 B=B-1
550 A=A+1
560 SET(B,A)
570 GOTO 520
580 RESET(B,A)
590 NEXT A
600 NEXT X
610 L=L+1
620 Z=Z-1
630 NEXT Y
640 GOTO 640
650 END

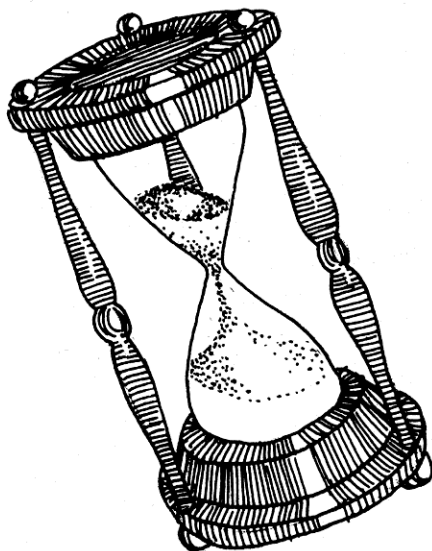
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Sands of Time for Color Computers

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100 REM * SANDS OF TIME / COLOR VERSION *
110 CLS(0)
120 X=0
130 L=0
140 Z=30
150 FOR Y=0 TO 15
160 FOR X=L TO Z
170 SET(X,Y,8)
180 NEXT X
190 L=L+1
200 Z=Z-1
210 NEXT Y
220 X=X-1
230 Z=X
240 FOR Y=Y TO 30
250 SET(X,Y,8)
260 SET(Z,Y,8)
270 X=X-1
280 Z=Z+1
290 NEXT Y
300 FOR X=0 TO 30
310 SET(X,Y,8)
320 NEXT X
330 X=2
340 L=2
350 Z=28
360 FOR Y=1 TO 14
370 X=L
380 FOR X=L TO Z
390 RESET(X,Y)
400 B=15
410 FOR A=17 TO 30
420 SET(B,A,8)
430 FOR T=1 TO 10
440 NEXT T
450 IF POINT(B,A+1)=8 THEN N=N+1: GOTO 470
460 GOTO 640
470 IF N=2 THEN N=0: GOTO 560
480 IF POINT(B+1,A+1)=8 THEN A=30: GOTO 650
490 RESET(B,A)
500 B=B+1
510 A=A+1
520 SET(B,A,8)
530 FOR T=1 TO 10
540 NEXT T
550 GOTO 480
560 IF POINT(B-1,A+1)=8 THEN A=30: GOTO 650
570 RESET(B,A)
580 B=B-1
590 A=A+1

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Listing continues

1582. However, this program and the Perpetual Calendar program listing won't work for years before 1753, when England adopted it. We follow the British pattern because historical dates common to both Great Britain and the United States would otherwise be thrown into confusion.

I never understood the system for deciding when to put in that 366th day as February 29. I looked it up. Now I know. It's easy, and I'm going to show it to you. The listing works on Level II and the Color Computer.

Sands of Time

I now present the Fun House's latest contribution to humanity: Sands of Time.

I gave it a fancy name to hide the fact that it's an egg timer, more officially called an hourglass. The versions here are actually minute glasses. The Level II program takes about three minutes and 10 seconds to run, and the color version takes about two minutes.

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600 SET(B,A,8)
610 FOR T=1 TO 10
620 NEXT T
630 GOTO 560
640 RESET(B,A)
650 NEXT A
660 NEXT X
670 L=L+1
680 Z=Z-1
690 NEXT Y
700 GOTO 700
710 END

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time. They're not used much today except as egg timers and to mark a player's turn in some games.

So let's use one of the most sophisticated timing devices available—the computer—to make an old-fashioned sand timer. Please form a line to the left and don't push. There are enough souvenir egg timers for everyone.

Perpetual Calendar

What day of the week were you born? What day was the Declaration of Independence signed? When is Christmas in 1990?

These questions are pretty tough to answer because the only calendar that ever seems to be around is the one for the current year.

But now we have Perpetual Calendar, a simple program that prints out a calendar page for any month in any year from 1753 to infinity. The word infinity

Perpetual Calendar

```

100 REM * PERPETUAL CALENDAR / LEVEL II *
110 CLS
120 DATA SUN,MON,TUE,WED,THU,FRI,SAT
130 DATA JANUARY,FEBRUARY,MARCH,APRIL,MAY,JUNE,JULY
140 DATA AUGUST,SEPTEMBER,OCTOBER,NOVEMBER,DECEMBER
150 DIM A$(19)
160 FOR B=1 TO 19
170 READ A$(B)
180 NEXT B
190 INPUT "THE YEAR";Y
200 IF Y<1753 THEN PRINT "YEAR HAS TO BE 1753 OR LATER": GOTO 19
210 PRINT
220 FOR A=8 TO 19
230 PRINT "(",A-7;A$(A);" ) ";
240 N=N+1
250 IF N=3 THEN PRINT: N=0
260 NEXT A
270 PRINT
280 PRINT
290 INPUT "THE MONTH (1 TO 12)";M
300 IF M>12 GOTO 290
310 A=INT(.51+(1/M))
320 B=Y-A
330 C=M+12*A
340 D=B/100
350 E=INT(D/4)
360 F=INT(D)
370 G=INT((5*B)/4)
380 H=INT(13*(C+1)/5)
390 I=H+G-F+E
400 I=I-(7*INT(I/7))
410 CLS
420 PRINT A$(M+7);Y
430 PRINT STRING$(30,"-")
440 FOR A=1 TO 7
450 PRINT A$(A);" ";
460 NEXT A
470 C$=STR$(Y)
480 IF M<8 AND M/2<>INT(M/2) THEN J=31
490 IF M>7 AND M/2=INT(M/2) THEN J=31
500 IF M=4 OR M=6 OR M=9 OR M=11 THEN J=30
510 IF M=2 THEN J=28
520 IF M=2 AND RIGHT$(C$,2)<>"00" AND Y/4=INT(Y/4) THEN J=29
530 IF M=2 AND RIGHT$(C$,2)="00" AND Y/400=INT(Y/400) THEN J=29
540 L=192
550 FOR N=1 TO 6
560 IF N=1 AND I=7 THEN PRINT @ 218,"1": P=P+1: GOTO 650
570 IF N=1 THEN FOR L=L+(4*I) TO 216 STEP 4
580 IF N>1 THEN FOR L=L TO L+24 STEP 4
590 P=P+1
600 IF P<10 THEN PRINT @ L," "; ELSE PRINT @ L,"";
610 IF P<J THEN PRINT P;
620 NEXT L
630 PRINT
640 PRINT
650 L=L+36
660 NEXT N
670 GOTO 670

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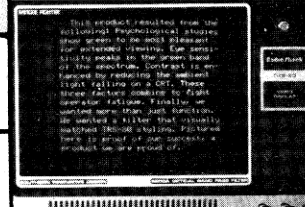
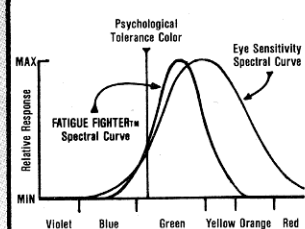


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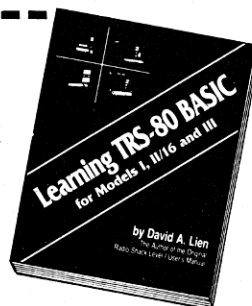
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The program listing given here is for Level II. To make this program run on a Color Computer, change the following lines to read:

540 L=128

570 If N=1 THEN FOR

L=L+(4*I) TO 152 STEP 4

Also, delete line 640. Take it out now, before you forget!

Earlier, I mentioned an electronic birthday card. That's a program offered as this month's Nickel Bargain Bin. It makes a nice birthday surprise and can be personalized. It includes a cake with candles and a verse of "Happy Birthday" sung by the computer. If you want the listing, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a nickel to:

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This month I'll continue the LNW-80 construction project.

(Before jumping in, I would like to ask readers to make sure they glance at the end of this column each month. Very often I get letters asking questions whose answers have already been presented as updates or corrections. Thanks, folks.)

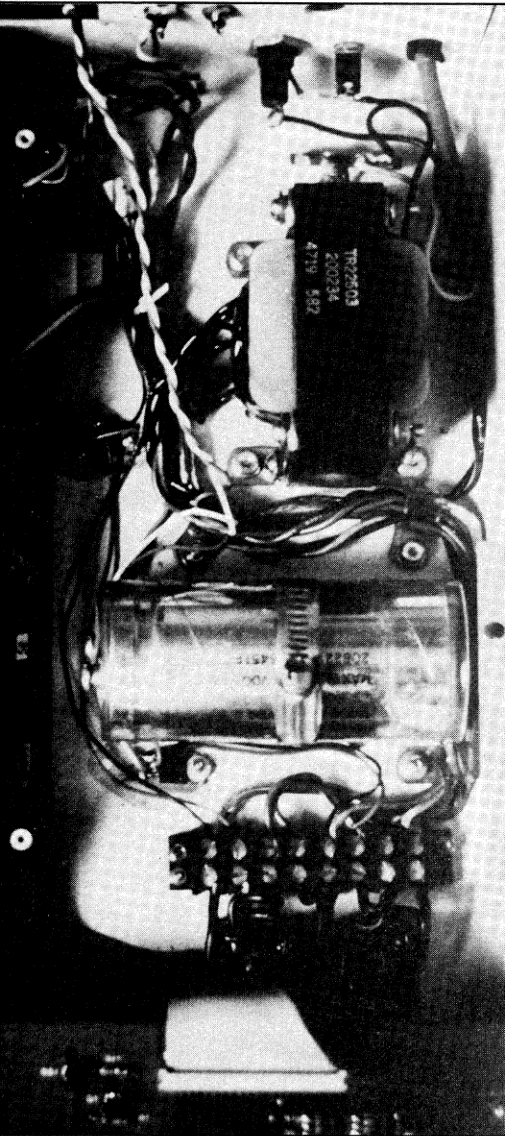


Photo 1. The power supply of the LNW-80 is quite hefty. I have used heavy-duty bridge rectifiers bolted to the case (partly shadowed, bottom right) and fed through barrier strips. An automotive cable clamp holds a large filter capacitor, and all the wires are hanked together with plastic clamps and bolted to the case. A power supply is created for an integral disk drive using the added heft of the LNW-80 transformer; 5- and 12-volt regulators are visible just above and below the left side of the filter capacitor.

Finish your LNW-80

Readers please note: although I still haven't seen it, there are apparently copies of a new instruction manual floating around. I don't know if it's been released yet, but try to get one if you order an LNW-80 kit.

The machine started to look like a computer when I had put all the bigger physical parts in place—the power supply (see Photo 4), the keyboard, mounting hardware, and so forth. But I knew the painstaking stuff was still ahead. I fashioned power-supply connectors from stakes and pins, since I really wanted to be able to lift the boards for the inevitable testing... without desoldering wires. That was a good move. I raided an old television chassis for heavy-duty stakes and slip-on connectors, which conveniently fit the larger holes in the LNW circuit board.

Assembling the power supply was next. Before proceeding, I confirmed a rumor that mounting the rectifiers directly on the PC board created Trace Krispies. I purchased the heaviest rectifiers available from Radio Shack, drilled a pair of holes in the case, and mounted them with heat-sink paste. Barrier strips went in next—those are screw terminal connector blocks—and the transformer and rectifiers met on either side.

The transformer didn't exactly match its description in the book, but I guessed right on 110-volt input wires (black), stuck them into my extension cord (not recommended procedure!), and measured the other pairs with my ac voltmeter. By this time I felt a little fanciness was in order, so I used terminal lugs instead of bare wire to make connections to the terminal block.

The power cord was routed through, the fuse block inserted, and the power switch installed. I labeled each wire, and snaked the lot along the bottom of the case, fastening the wire harness to the case with plastic straps. The far ends were soldered to the slip-on connectors

scavenged from the old TV.

It was ready for the first test. All dc voltages were fine, so I could proceed with assembling the PC boards. I tackled all the confusing instructions. There were separate directions for each of the video outputs, and large letters telling me not to install certain parts if I wanted that type of video output (say, RGB instead of composite video). I couldn't immediately discern what I should do if I wanted them all—which I did—and a call to California evoked something incomprehensible about them not stocking RGB ROMs at the moment. I put all the parts in for all the video versions, but have only tested the composite black-and-white.

Next, the trace-scraping and jumpering was done. A few board revisions noted in the instructions made this necessary. A good photograph would have helped enormously. In went the keyboard socket, and I guessed as to which output connectors were meant to go where. I guessed wrong, it turns out, because I later found reference to the connectors.

Finally, everything was ready for power-supply testing. I double-checked that the power jumpers were out, and turned it on. On-board micro-fuse blew. Damn. They only give you one. The testing section was useless, but I found the problem after some probing and measuring. I had grabbed a regulator marked "7812" to use for the 7812 12-volt regulator. Alas, I had read the date code. It was a 7805 5-volt regulator with the 12th week of the 1978 date code... 7812! I fixed that, but what about the fuse?

There's something about odd little fuses like that one. I remembered how as a child I used to pull the wires out of a wire brush and drop them on my Lionel train's tracks. They would heat up, melt, and break. The transformer would heat up, too, but I always figured the wires would break first. (I now use that train transformer as the power supply for a homebrew computer interface). I dug through my wire bag for pieces of microphone cable, and unbraided the shield. I connected them across my Heath bench supply until I got a wire that melted and broke at the same current for which the fuse was rated. This isn't quite fast enough, but for me it was better than trying to locate a 2-amp sub-

miniature pigtail fuse here in rural America.

The power supply now passes all tests, and it's time to put in the integrated circuits. All the TTL stuff goes in first, then the miscellaneous ICs, then the ROMs, the Z80 processor, and the RAM. This is a good order, because it keeps the delicate stuff (processor and RAM, especially) from hanging loose while you fiddle with the other parts. An IC inserter also helps, though I've taken to picking up RAMs with a thin piece of black (conductive) foam held between thumb and forefinger. I can squeeze the leads just right to fit the sockets; I'm too clumsy to use an inserter. The delicate parts end up popping out of place, heading straight for my smiling cats. (Yes, cats will smile if they see some static-sensitive memory about to turn into an expensive batta-bird.)

Everything seems to be in place. I call Claire, who reads the entire parts list to me (in a tone of voice that says: hey, man, I am b-o-r-e-d) as I check. An hour later it's ready for testing. On. MEMORY SIZE? Zowdy! It's past three; time for bed.

The Expansion Board

Things seemed fine the next day, too; so I started the expansion board. This is an easier project, because it is powered by the main circuit board's power supply. Feeling confident, I worked quickly, hooked up the wires, and powered up (Photo 5). Splat. Garbage. Nothing worked, not even reset-break. Now

what? I carefully followed the power-supply wiring—I thought. The jumpers were numbered 1-2-3-4-5-6 (LNW-80) to 4-2-12-8-10-GND (expansion). The accompanying sketch visually suggests the wire placement, which is what I followed. Uh-uh. That placement is 12-10-7-GND-13-4. Once I scrambled the wires properly, everything began to work. The drive came on but...no boot. I pushed the hi/lo speed switch. Still no boot.

From Level II the machine worked fine. I got full, reliable memory. POKES to 14304 turned the drive on and selected it properly. That was it. I checked voltages to the controller, and these were fine. I checked for bad solder joints and bridges; no luck. In desperation I pulled another 1771 disk controller from the other kit. Fine! It worked. I had been shipped a bum disk controller, or I had blown it in the assembly. Who knows, but the LNW was now performing all those Model I activities with no trouble. Including, alas, keyboard bounce—at 4 MHz, it was more like skitter. LNW had shipped a keyboard mechanically almost identical to the Model I! And with no debounce routine in ROM! What was this?

Actually, I can't get a straight story on that one. There have been at least three keyboards shipped with various generations of the LNW-80, one with no discernable bounce, straight through this one that was dismally disappointing. I followed the suggestions of several people, including Larry Rossiter

of Victoria, BC. He wrote, "Shortly after installation of Level II in my micro in late 1978, I cured the keybounce by thoroughly cleaning the contacts, then packing the keytops with Dow Corning Compound No. 4." He tells me compound No. 2 works as well. Others have used various silicone gels, and they all seem to work for debouncing (as well as stopping the clacking of the keys).

Unfortunately, the keys in both my units are sealed. There is no way to get the compound in, or to clean them. The only other option is at least a possible one: LNW ships its Level II Basic ROMs as a set of six 2716 EPROMs. If you have access to an EPROM programmer (Apparat has one of the best deals—with excellent software—for about \$150), you can include a debounce routine of your own, just like that in the later Radio Shack Basics. Any of the popular debounce routines can be located in the power-up message area around 111H. But neither of these is the kind of cure I like to invoke when purchasing what I expect to be a step forward in microcomputer design. I hope that LNW is shipping either a higher-quality keyboard or a debounce in ROM by the time you read this.

Running Interference

I mounted all the boards in place (Photo 6), and prepared for performance testing. But one more complaint before talking about the performance prowess of the LNW-80. With its heavy metal case, I expected the machine to be much quieter in terms of RFI (radio frequency interference). Hardly. Yes, it is quieter; but this home only has a radio, so I trundled in a borrowed television. It was almost as strong as the interference put out by the Model I.

Again, there is a solution to a problem that shouldn't exist from the start. First, make sure the parts of the case are electrically connected; drill a hole, scrape off some paint, and add a lug to each section to ensure it. Ground the case to the computer ground. Next, obtain some very fine mesh metal screen (a laboratory or photo supplier is a good source) and cover the rear port area, grounding the metal screen to the case. The final suggestion comes from a commercial keyboard I saw somewhere; can't recall where. Out of the finest, most flexible metal mesh you can get, cut 3/4-inch squares. Lift each key-top, insert the mesh square, and very

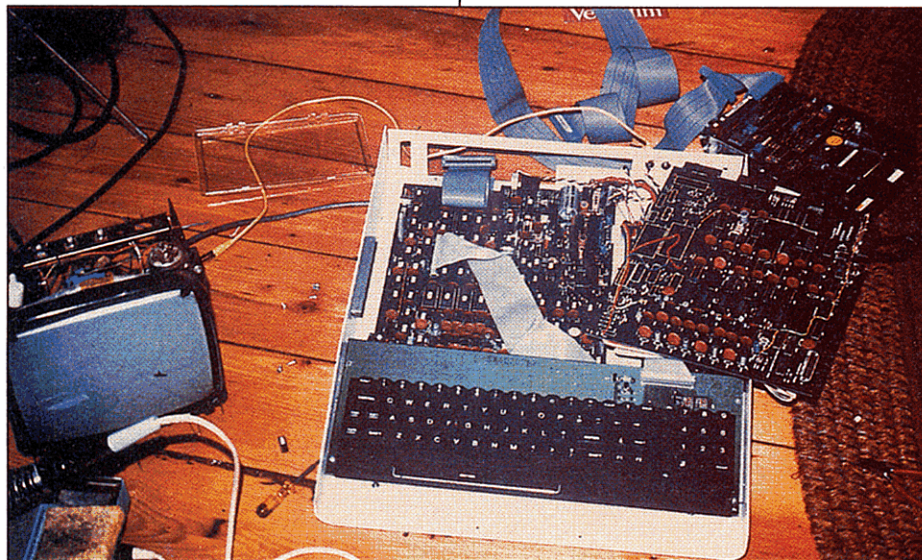


Photo 2. The LNW expansion board (at right), a monitor (at left), and a disk drive (back right) are all connected for testing. The keyboard is bolted in place and connected. This unit (the second of two built for this article) worked on the first try.

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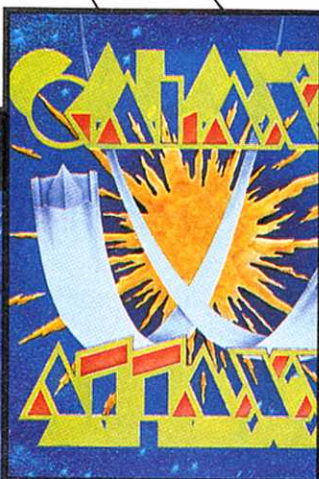
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Use a short, high-quality cable to the video, and as short a cable as possible to the other peripherals. If you are building peripherals, obtain Gore-shield or Scotch shielded multiconductor cable. It's expensive, but worthwhile. And finally, watch the cassette output. Make up your own shielded cable for this task; don't use the standard Radio

Shack fare. With these changes, the RFI should now be reduced significantly.

Tips and Pointers

Once this first unit was working, I set about building the next one; perhaps the experience would speed the assembly, and a second kit would point out difficulties that luck had obscured during the assembly of the first computer. My hunch was right.

Virtually nothing appeared on the video screen when I turned on the second unit, but my hearing is still acute enough that I could discern a distinct

change in the horizontal oscillation from the monitor. A normal video screen is theoretically scanned 15,750 times per second; monitors and televisions actually produce a high-pitched whine at this frequency when locked in to an image. However, their "free run" frequency is nearby, but rarely on-frequency, and electronic noise from here and there causes it to wobble and fluctuate. Turn on a television, turn the sound down, tune to a known station, and listen to the high whine; then switch to an unused channel, and hear how the whine wobbles or disappears entirely.

If your ears are up to it—mine are yet young enough—listen for a change in your monitor's high-frequency whine to a pure, stable pitch when you turn on the computer. That generally means the horizontal synchronization has locked in, and your computer is providing video output. In fact, a few smeared dots were visible just at the top of the screen; variable capacitor C140 (left side of the board) was far out of adjustment (it provides sync), and the vertical and horizontal positioning controls (variable resistors R144 and R145, back middle) were also far off. The first computer had properly locked in the video by chance; I turned these three controls until the image stabilized.

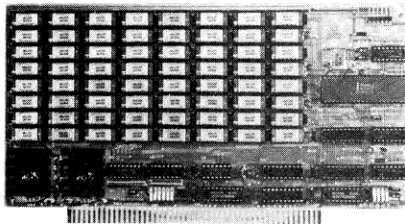
After the computers were moved, or during temperature changes (it's approaching winter as I write this), the video began to glitch. Carefully adjusting C140—with a plastic screwdriver—will eliminate this. You might want to drill a tiny hole in your cabinet so you can reach this control. The video on the LNW-80 is created quite differently from that in the TRS-80 because the LNW is set up to provide several types of output. Thus, the Model I/III hardly ever needs adjusting, whereas the LNW does.

LNW has done a very good job of de-glitching the video display—eliminating the screen hash that was prevalent, especially during games. However, it didn't work on one of my machines, making the display not only hash-filled, but worse than the usual state of affairs. I traced the difficulty to slow U121 and U151, which I replaced with higher-speed ICs. If your screen glitches, try that solution first.

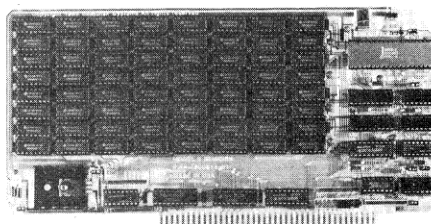
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This video glitch problem prompted me to test all the high-resolution graph-

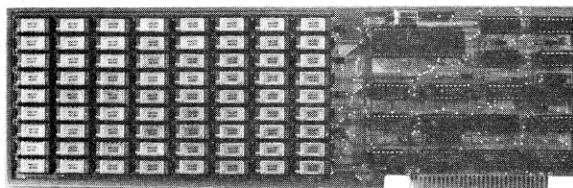
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ics, video reverse, and so forth. Using OUT 254,N commands, I discovered that normal and reverse video modes worked properly, and the high-resolution graphics appeared. But the hi-res dots were blinking on and off randomly. I tried POKEing to the screen memory locations, but to no avail. That was the first mistake; I had let my expectations deceive me. No, you cannot write to high-resolution memory from Basic on a stock LNW computer.

Here's how the high-resolution mode is organized: The hi-res memories are addressed at the same location as the Basic ROMs. This means that the screen circuitry can read them at any time, but the CPU cannot—trying to do so would put the Basic ROMs in conflict with the hi-res memory. In other words, reading the information in graphics memory must be done from machine language or machine-language subroutines, because the Basic ROMs are turned off during the time hi-res memory is being read. However, my good sense told me that since you can't write to the Basic ROMs, the write circuitry would always be left enabled. That way Basic could clear the hi-res screen, draw lines, circles, and so on at all times. Since reading the hi-res memory is a less frequent task, machine-language routines could be used effectively in that case.

Wrong. LNW has designed its machine to require disabling the Basic ROMs *whenever* high-resolution graph-

ics are required. The incomprehensible and disorganized section of the manual describing hi-res obscures this fact in gibberish, but I finally confirmed it. So my next step was to write a short hi-res routine to switch in hi-res mode and clear the hi-res screen. Nothing happened. The randomly blinking memory continued. I checked and rechecked the software. It should have worked; I transferred to the other machine (some dots were blinking there, too) and it did work.

If you recall, in my last column I described the bleariness that forced me to give up examination of the printed circuit board. It was a bad move, as I was to learn after several hours of frustration with this problem. The hi-res video write line (WRT4116) simply evaporated in mid-trace. It just faded out for a while (sort of like a Vermont road), and then returned a quarter-inch later. Moral #1: Check every trace on the board before assembling a single part!

My routines now successfully cleared the hi-res screen. But many dots still blinked back on and off, worse as I put my hands nearby. I assumed the bypass capacitors (all those 0.1 mF parts, and the tantalum electrolytics) were misbehaving. I was short on tantalums, so I had substituted aluminum electrolytics in a few spots; my new supply of tantalums (they look like small blue, green, or red beads) had just arrived. Some of the blinking cleared up when the better capacitors were installed. Moral #2: Use high-quality bypass capacitors, and don't leave any out.

The memory is specified as 250 ns for the high-resolution video. Mine were sold as 200–250 ns, so I switched them with some guaranteed 150 ns memory. The flickering dots disappeared. Not having worked out the actual access time for these memories, I can't say that the 250 ns specification is inaccurate, or if I just had a bunch of memories that leaned past the 250 ns access time. Moral #3: Respect or exceed designer specifications in this project; there is little leeway. Good memory is cheap now, so get guaranteed 200-ns types.

Now hi-res was working, and I have to commend LNW on the detail in this resolution. With the 9-inch Motorola monitor I am using, the detail on diagonal lines and curves is exceptional, possibly the best of any small computer in its price range. And this detail also

makes possible an 80-character-by-24-line screen display, for which LNW has devised software. It isn't provided with the LNW, but make sure you request it when ordering if you're a long-line freak. It will be off-center with respect to the normal text screen (the hi-res extends an additional 128 dots through an area to the right of the usual screen), but that can be adjusted via the internal horizontal positioning control R144. A full-size potentiometer can also be mounted on the back panel of the computer. Use the shortest wires possible from the PC board.

But one thing still bothered me: How could I write to that hi-res memory with Basic intact? I just liked the idea, because creating machine-language programs for everything wasn't interesting to me. After two hours of searching through the schematic, I located all the signals that control the relationship between high-resolution graphics and Basic.

Here's how it works now: U67 is a latch that holds the status of port 254; data line 3, when latched into U67, determines the state of the graphics-read-enable (GRRDEN*) signal. Find this circuit on sheet 2, lower left quadrant, center. When GRRDEN* goes high, the output of OR gate U66 (graphics lower 16K, GLWR16K*) is held high, which in turn holds the output of NAND gate U51 low (read-write disable, RDWRDIS). Find this circuit on sheet 1, lower right quadrant, center right.

When RDWRDIS is low, then the bus enable lines read-out (RDOUT*) and write-out (WROUT*) are gated low through OR gate U36. Find this on sheet 1, upper center. RDOUT* and WROUT* are in turn gated through buffer U18 by ENABLE*, the external bus-request line, to create the computer's completed read (RD*) and write (WR*) signals...sheet 1, upper right quadrant, center. Up to this point, the normal operation of the computer's ROM and RAM are guaranteed by the presence of the completed RD* and WR* signals.

When OUT 254,8 is commanded, however, GRRDEN* goes low. It triggers RDWRDIS high, disabling the ROM. It also sends GLWR16K* low. GLWR16K* is gated through OR gate U152 together with internal-read (IRD*) and internal-write (IWR*) to create graphics memory enable (GRAMEN*) and graphics RAM write

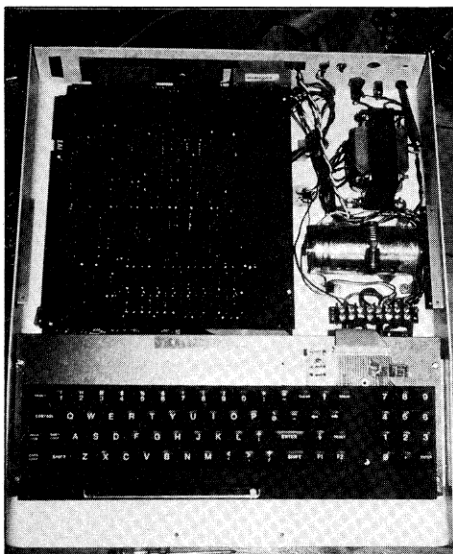


Photo 3. The expansion board is oriented upside down and bolted above the main CPU board. Off-size washers and close traces shorted out the system several times before I discovered the physical problem.

(GRAMWRT*). Find this process on sheet 2, upper right quadrant, lower right. GRAMEN* is used to allow the CPU's data bus to read the high-resolution graphics RAM, and GRAMWRT* goes through a few more permutations before it is permitted to write CPU data to the hi-res RAMs.

My concern is twofold: First, continue to disable the ROM during graphics read. Second, enable the ROM during graphics write. No change is necessary to achieve the first goal.

The second task, however, is tricky unless the goal is turned around...not "enable the ROM" but rather "stop disabling the hi-res write." OUT 254,8 should still work as specified in order to keep full compatibility with all LNW software. Instead, the solution lies in enabling the hi-res write. By working back from GRAMWRT*, it is possible to gate IWR* together with some new signal to create an always-active GRAMWRT*. This is done by disconnecting the offending GLWR16K* (created from A15, A14, and GRDEN*, and dependent on OUT 254,8), and replacing it with a new signal—I called it new graphics write (NEWGRWR*)—obtained from the gating of A15 and A14 at U66.

So here's the process, in order:

- Identify U152 pin 9 from the bottom of the board, and note that a trace leads in two directions from this pin.
- Cut the trace leading from U152 pin 9 to U152 pin 12.
- Cut the other trace leading to U152 pin 9 (from U66 pin 11).
- Connect a wire from U152 pin 12 to U66 pin 11. This restores GLWR16K*.
- Connect a wire from U152 pin 9 to U66 pin 8. This creates NEWGRWR*.
- Cut the trace leading to U139 pin 2 (from U141 pin 16). This frees LGRAMWRT*.
- Connect a wire from U141 pin 16 to spare gate U151 pin 9. This gates LGRAMWRT*.
- Connect a wire from U67 pin 14 (HRES*) to spare gate U168 pin 9.
- Connect a wire from U67 pin 6 (GRDEN*) to U168 pin 10.
- Connect a wire from U151 pin 8 to U139 pin 2. LGRAMWRT* gates on either HRES* or GRDEN*.

If you get into trouble with some software and need a defeat switch, here's how:

- Obtain a double-pole, double-throw switch.

- Take the wire off U66 pin 8 (still connected to U152 pin 9). Connect it to the center left terminal of the switch.

- Hook a new wire from U66 pin 8 to the lower left terminal.

- Hook a new wire from U152 pin 12 to the upper left terminal.

- Take the wire off U151 pin 8 (still connected to U139 pin 2). Connect it to the center right terminal of the switch.

- Hook a new wire from U151 pin 8 to the lower right terminal.

- Hook a new wire from U141 pin 16 to the upper right terminal.

- Switch up is modified; down is normal.

"Notice that lines HID0-HID5 don't seem to come from anywhere."

The modification is complete. You can write to the high-resolution graphics screen during display hi-res and activate hi-res modes (OUT 254,N where N = 2, 3, and 6 through 15). There are subtle timing changes that should not affect the operation of your machine, but the mod is easy enough to try and remove if there are any difficulties.

Postscript to this mod: It was made infinitely more difficult by the layout of the LNW schematic. In the next column I hope to make available "schematic maps" for the LNW computer and expansion board, identifying parts and signal lines by mnemonic, description, purpose, source, and direction. In the meantime, notice that lines HID0-HID5 don't seem to come from anywhere; they are sourced at the outputs of hi-res memories U105, U107-U111, the DOUT lines.

Also next time: Model I/III comparisons, the success of the 4 MHz mode, questions of weight and heat, thoughts on reliability, and how to operate your LNW-80 from the auto. (That's what I got mine for.) And—for the desperate—sources for all parts that LNW doesn't supply. Also coming up in the future: More music for the Model I, the long-delayed EPROM programmer, and some software trinkets that I've been collecting.

Updates, Corrections, and Thoughts

- I've gotten the word from Fort

Worth: Leave us alone, since there are no more leftover Model I keyboards! If you want to do the Color Computer modification I presented in January, 1982 you'll have to buy a new keyboard from Radio Shack National Parts at about \$80 or, cheaper, from Jameco (1355 Shoreway Road, Belmont, CA 94002, (415) 592-8097; part number K62, \$34.95).

- The way I described the 32K memory upgrade for the Color Computer two columns ago was a little sloppy. Let's try again:

1. Open the case and remove the metal lid.
2. Move all the jumpers from their current position to the 32K position.
3. Jumper the pins marked R83 (left of the 6883 SAM chip U10) with a 33-ohm resistor.
4. The HI/LO jumper can be in either position.
5. Here's the important one I forgot to mention:
Remove (cut or break off) capacitors C31, C35, C45, C48, C61, C64, C67, and C70. These sit across what used to be a power-supply line and is now an address line.
6. Insert the 64K chips.
7. Reinstall the cover and case, and power up.

Many thanks to all those who wrote (at least those who were civil).

- I submitted an incorrect early version of the CoCo ROM Pack printed circuit layout in August Applications. (See "80 Input" next month for more.) Readers wishing a corrected layout can write to me at Roxbury, Vermont 05669. Since this is my fault, forget the SASE. Just send your address; I'll pay the postage.

- Important note: The source for the Micro Front Panel, Word Processing Lowerkit, CoCo ROM Pack, CoCo-Port, and other projects featured in this column is no longer MSB Electronics, which fell victim to the current economic recession. You can obtain my projects from Hometronics International, 7701 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209, (212) 680-9757. Owners of any projects purchased from MSB Electronics should write to Michael Barton, 25 Park Street, Barre, VT 05641 for information.

- Langley-St. Clair Instrumentation Systems has a treat for Model I, II, and III owners—colorful picture tubes for your video display. I've had green tubes

in various computers for a while, so I decided to try out the Langley orange unit, a color that is popular in Europe. The results are impressive, not only because the image is crisp and well defined, but also because of a subtlety in the phosphor itself—it decays (fades from the screen) slower than the screen is refreshed. This means that the usual screen flicker is gone, and your eyes and brain can relax through more hours of computing. Also, the annoying screen glitches (due to CPU accessing) are significantly reduced.

The tubes are not very expensive (\$80 for green, \$90 for orange, and more for the soon-to-be-released blue and red) and are shipped with excellent instructions. I installed my unit in less than a half hour. There is no soldering, only the removal and replacement of a few bolts and the tube socket.

One caution (mentioned in the newer Langley documentation): Don't leave a menu on the screen continuously for a few days with the brightness way up. You can burn the image into the screen, causing permanent dim spots in some areas. Also, expect a bit of a disappointment if you switch often from normal to reversed screen images—ghost images do appear on the screen if you've spent a long time in normal mode and

switch to a reverse mode. They fade in a few minutes, longer if you've been using lines of text. Ghosted horizontal blurs can last an hour or more after I use a word processor for an afternoon. But now that I have the orange tube, I don't plan to give it up—unless I decide, just for fun, to get the red one.

● I received a letter from Larry Holmes of Holmes Engineering. I've recommended the Holmes Engineering internal memory boards, and am anxiously waiting for some of his other products. All seem extremely reliable and very well thought through. I would like to quote some interesting information from Larry's letter regarding the use of 64K RAM chips in a Model I keyboard:

"Although the 64K RAM chips do not draw any more power than the 16K chips they replace, the 64K chips draw all their power from the +5-volt supply. The 16K chips draw very little power from the +5-volt supply; most of their operation is drawn from the +12-volt supply. The 16K chips use the +5-volt supply only for their output buffers to obtain TTL levels at the outputs.

"I am concerned that 64K chips can cause enough of an increased load on the +5-volt regulator inside the keyboard unit to cause problems in some systems, especially if other hardware

mods are present (such as The Patch lowercase mode, which draws a lot of +5-volt power). Eight RAM chips plus nine TTL chips is not a trivial load! This is why Holmes Engineering did not pursue a 64K board. Especially when running at double speed (which increases the power drawn by the RAM and to some extent the entire computer), you could draw 300 mA or more from the +5-volt supply. Add another 200 mA from other mods, and you will have a problem.

"One solution to this problem: The +12-volt regulator in the keyboard unit can easily handle 500 mA of current. By placing a 7805 regulator in series with the +12-volt regulator, you can produce a second +5-volt supply in the keyboard unit. If you aren't using 4116 (16K) RAMs, you don't need the +12-volt supply. It would probably be best to place a capacitor on both the input and output of the 7805, as shown in the data manuals, and heat-sink the 7805.

"It is the extra capacity of the +12-volt regulator, as opposed to the +5-volt regulator, which allows the Holmes Internal Memory to operate reliably even though it triples the number of RAM chips inside the keyboard."

As readers know, I reviewed the Exatron MM-800 memory board favorably in my last column. I installed it inside a machine without any modifications other than lowercase, so there was fully reliable operation. However, Larry's letter prompted me to reread the 64K RAM data sheet. I found that a set of eight chips draws approximately 560 mA when active. Since the chips are active about half the time, Larry's 300 mA estimate is reasonable. By contrast, the 16K chip specification is a comparable 240 mA from the +12-volt supply for eight chips (less than 150 mA on average); however, just 34 mA per set is drawn from the +5-volt supply (all outputs low), and only during the read cycle—an effective drain of about 15 mA. Therefore, using 64K RAMs demands about 300 mA from +5 volts, whereas four sets of 16K RAMs (the same total memory) requires only about 60 mA. At worst, the 64K worth of 16K chips uses less than half the power than one set of 64K chips. As usual, I leave the final evaluation to the readers; please write if you experience any power-supply or heat-related problems with the Exatron MM-800 in a machine with other modifications. ■

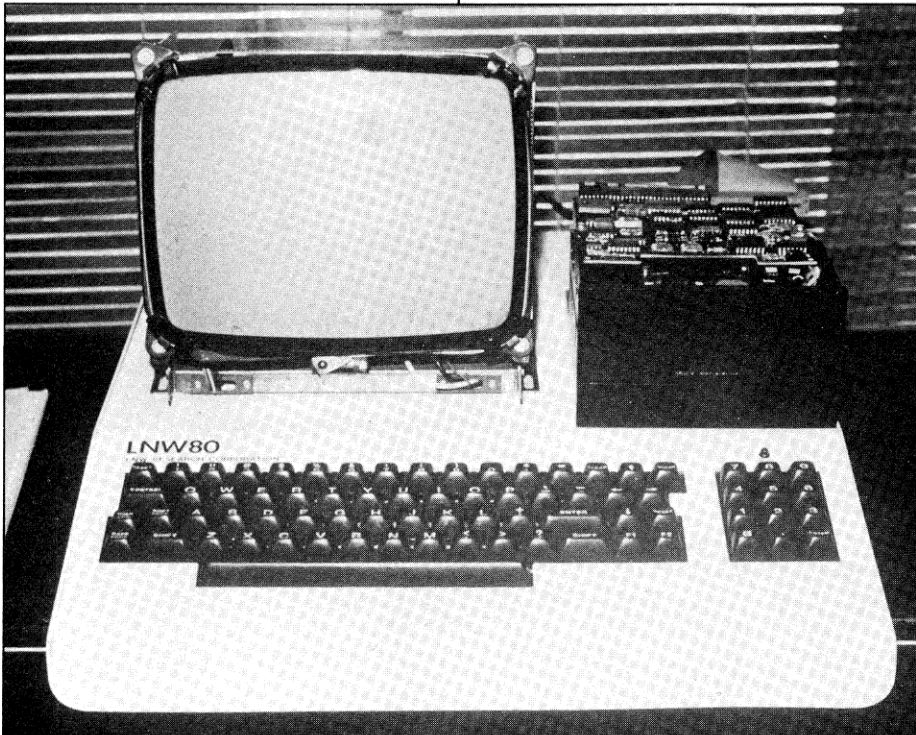


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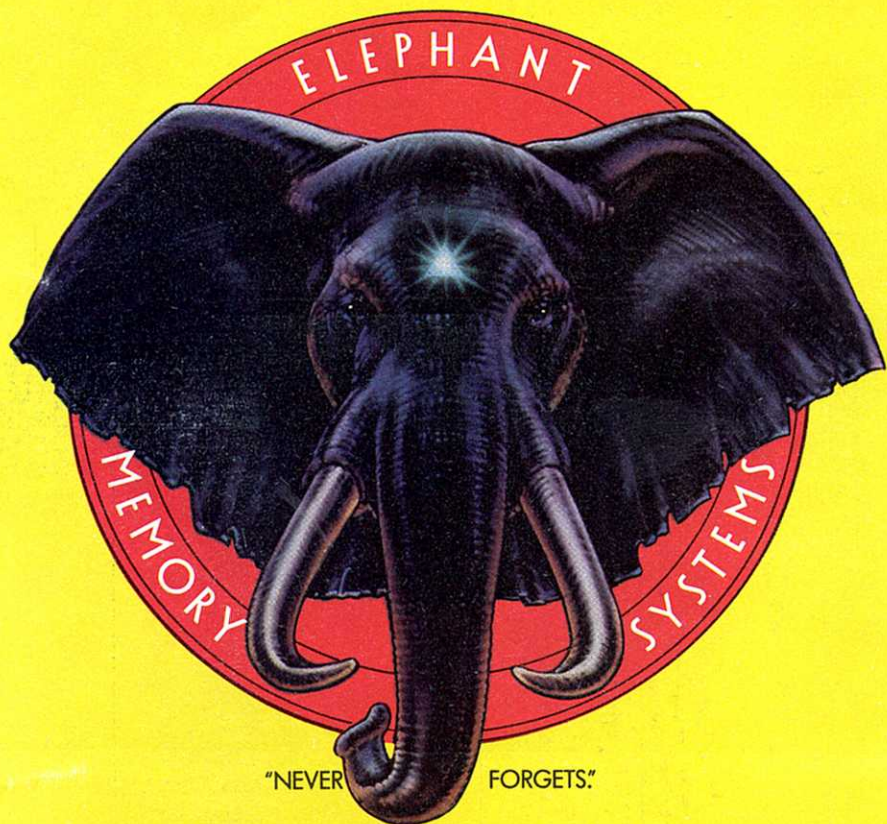
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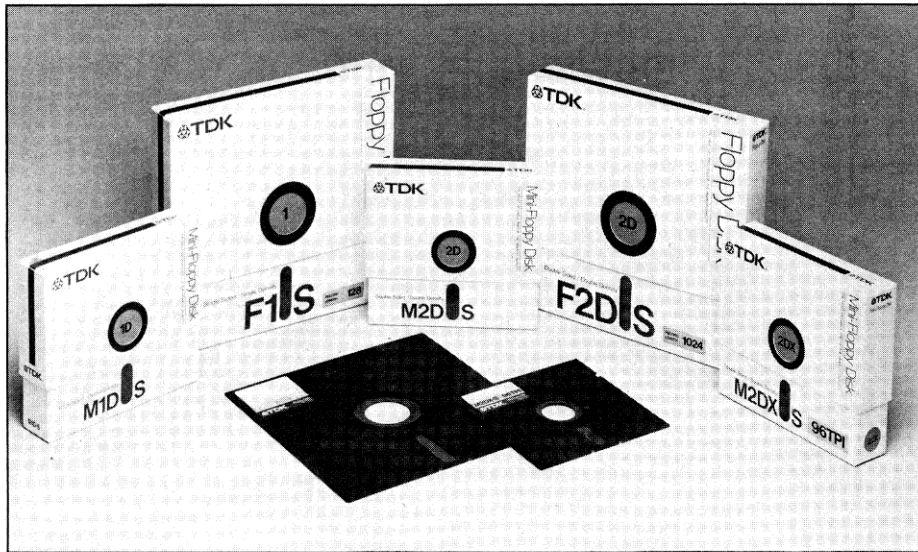
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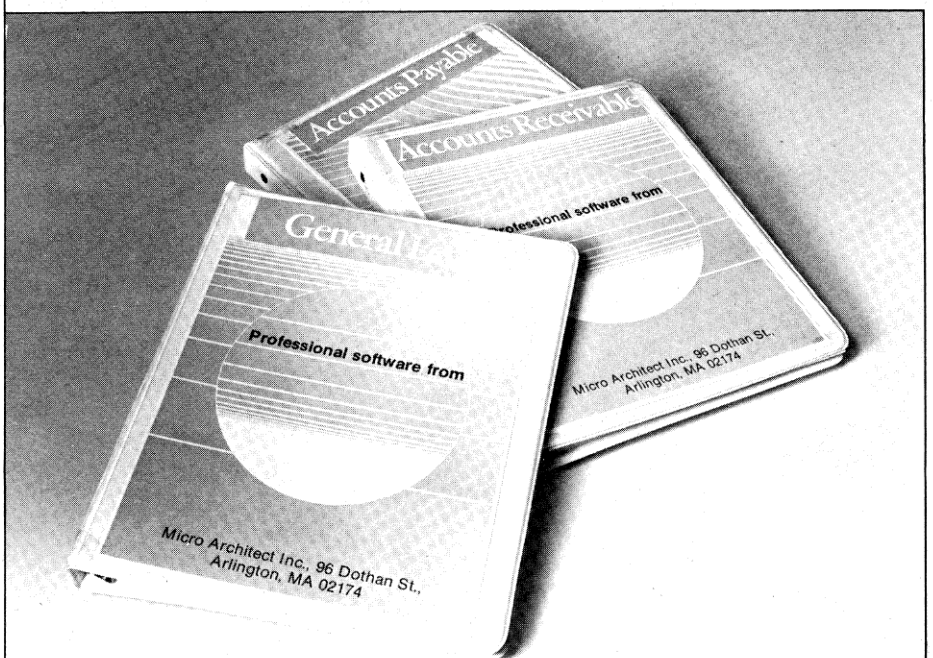
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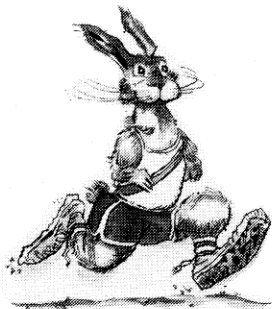
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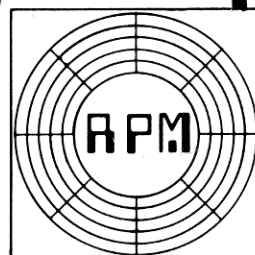
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The DSV1 is available from Integrated Devices Inc., P.O. Box 8385, Haledon, NJ 07538, (201) 956-8496.

Reader Service ✓583

Telex Access for CP/M Conversions

If you have the conversion hardware to run CP/M programs on your TRS-80, MicroTLX lets you turn your system into a fully-featured Telex machine.

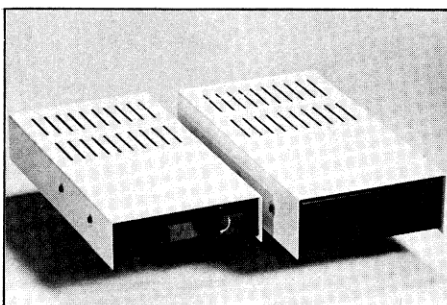
With this software package, you can directly send and receive Telex, TWX, and International Telex messages; send Mailgrams, telegrams, or overseas cables; and have immediate access to news, sports, and weather, as well as stock and bond (updated hourly) and commodities (updated twice daily) prices.

The MicroTLX CP/M package requires 24K of memory. Priced at \$150 including documentation, it is available from Advanced Micro Techniques, 1291 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Suite 209, Foster City, CA 94404, (415) 349-9336.

Reader Service ✓570

Low-Profile Disk Drive Accessories

Ann Arbor Precision has introduced enclosures and power supplies for the new half-height Teac FD-55A and 2/3-height Canon MDD-6108 disk



Low-Profile Drive Enclosures

drives. The enclosures can be purchased with or without drives installed.

In addition to the stackable single-drive horizontal mount enclosure, a dual-drive vertical model is also available for the Teac. Both styles offer mar-resistant white or silver finishes.

The half-height model with installed FD-55A is priced at \$269. For more information, contact Ann Arbor Precision, 7536 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, (313) 426-5477.

Reader Service ✓577

Read All About It

The Computer Newsletter Publisher's Directory is a list of over 1,000 newsletters from user groups, clubs, manufacturers, individuals, and educational institutions. Newsletters are in zip-code order, with Canadian entries listed by province and city, and foreign countries listed alphabetically.

The Directory is in a loose-leaf format. The annual subscription rate of \$70 (\$60 if payment accompanies order) includes corrections and updates sent at least every 90 days.

A cross index by computer type is included, and cross listings by profession will appear in updates. Sections are being added to show over 300 computer-related periodicals and a guide to public-access bulletin boards. A special listing mentions free newsletters.

The Directory is published by Andrew R. Alaways, 306 West 46th St., New York, NY 10036, (212) 799-9190.

Reader Service ✓550

Color Computer Mailing List

C. C. Mailer is a mailing-list program available on disk or cassette for the Color Computer. The program holds from 90 to 800 records depending on version and available memory, listing name, two-line mailing address, city, state, zip code, phone number, and user-defined code fields for extracts and label printing. The larger disk version sorts files in zip-code order to allow presorted mail rates.

The C. C. Merger option permits the merging of selected addresses with letters from the C. C. Writer word processor. C. C. Mailer is priced at \$20, with the merger option an additional \$15.

For more information, contact Transformation Technologies, 194

Lockwood Lane, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Reader Service ✓575

Model 16 Spreadsheet

Datamate's widely used spreadsheet system, Finanswer+, is now available for the Model 16.

The only spreadsheet package that will run in 16-bit mode on the 68000 CPU, the Model 16 version supports 12 spreadsheets per data file, with 1,200 figures each. Spreadsheets can be linked or consolidated for a total of up to 14,400 figures. Operating features include menu-based processing, automatic saving and restoring of spreadsheets, password protection, sorting, and graphing.

Loading a full 30-by-40 spreadsheet and calculation rules takes approximately five seconds using floppy disks. Processing the spreadsheet with row and column totals takes less than 25 seconds.

Finanswer+ can print the entire spreadsheet or display and print the entire set of calculation rules. A help command lists possible options at each step.

The system sells for \$395, with maintenance after the first 90 days \$60 per year. For more information, contact Datamate Company Inc., 4135 S. 100th East Ave., Suite 101, Tulsa, OK 74145, (918) 664-7276.

Reader Service ✓561

Talkprocessor

The Talkprocessor is a simple, inexpensive voice-output program for the Color Computer with 16K Extended Basic.

Twenty-six words are digitally recorded and displayed on the screen, with a two-letter code for each word. The user enters the codes in any combination to form a statement. When the command is given to speak, the statement comes out of the video display's speaker in one of three voice pitches.

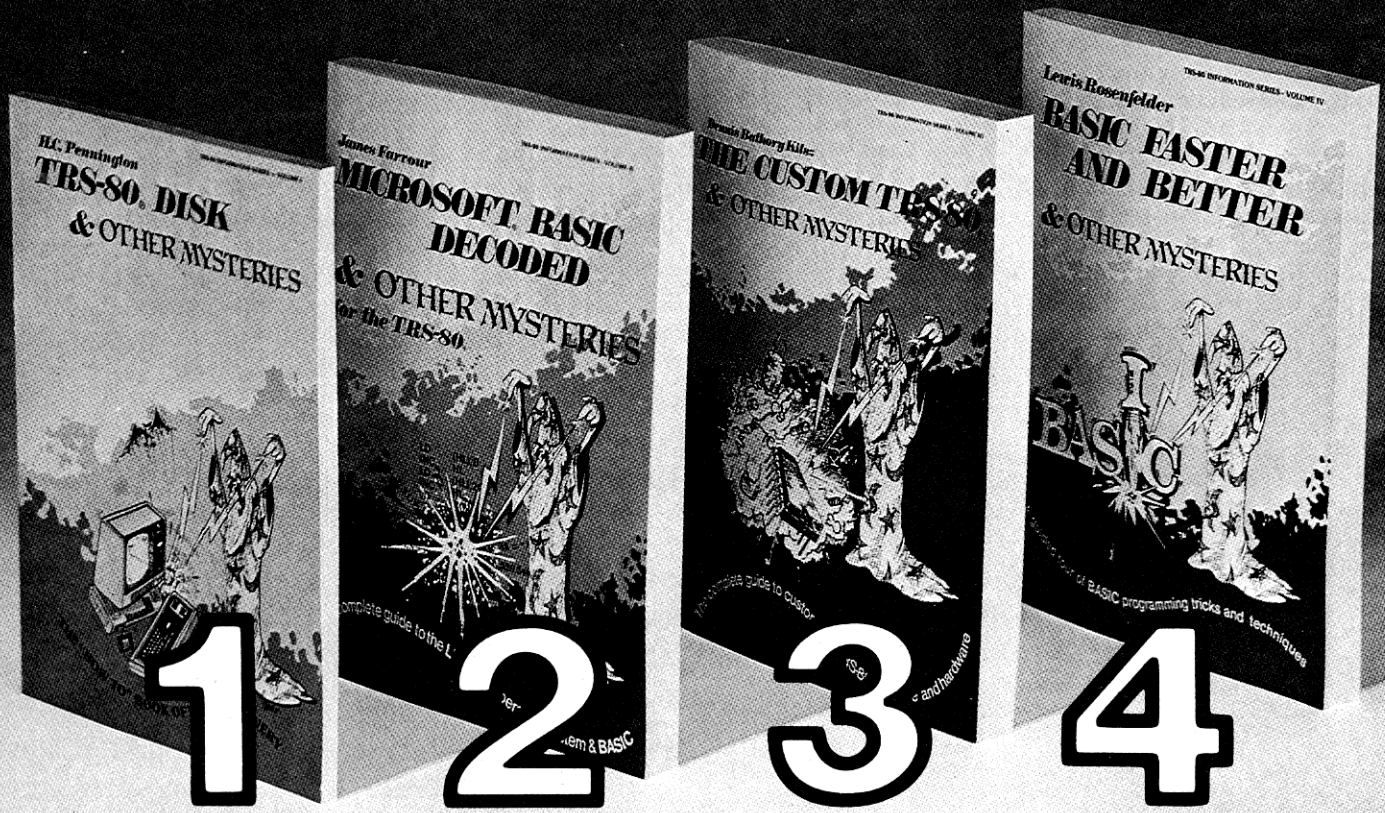
The cassette program is priced at \$14.95 plus \$1 for shipping. It can be ordered from H I B, 3505 Hutch Place, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

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2. Microsoft BASIC Decoded & Other Mysteries

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4. BASIC Faster and Better & Other Mysteries

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You will learn how to recover "lost data" on disk, how the BASIC interpreter works, how to make BASIC run faster and better, and how to modify and interface your TRS-80. In other words, you will learn how to make your computer do all the things you want it to do. It's as easy as 1-2-3-4.

Available at computer stores, B. Dalton Booksellers and independent book dealers. **BASIC Faster and Better** is also available at all RADIO SHACK Computer Centers and selected RADIO SHACK stores. (Cat. No. 62-1002) If your dealer is out of stock, order direct. Include \$4.00 for shipping and handling. Foreign residents add \$11.00 plus purchase price, in U.S. funds.

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All programs require a Model I or III with DOSPLUS, two disk drives, and 48K, and are available from Downeast Digital, P.O. Box 286, Solon, ME 04979, (207) 643-2437.

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The Printer Graphist converts your dot-addressable printer to a plotter, transforming all kinds of data into

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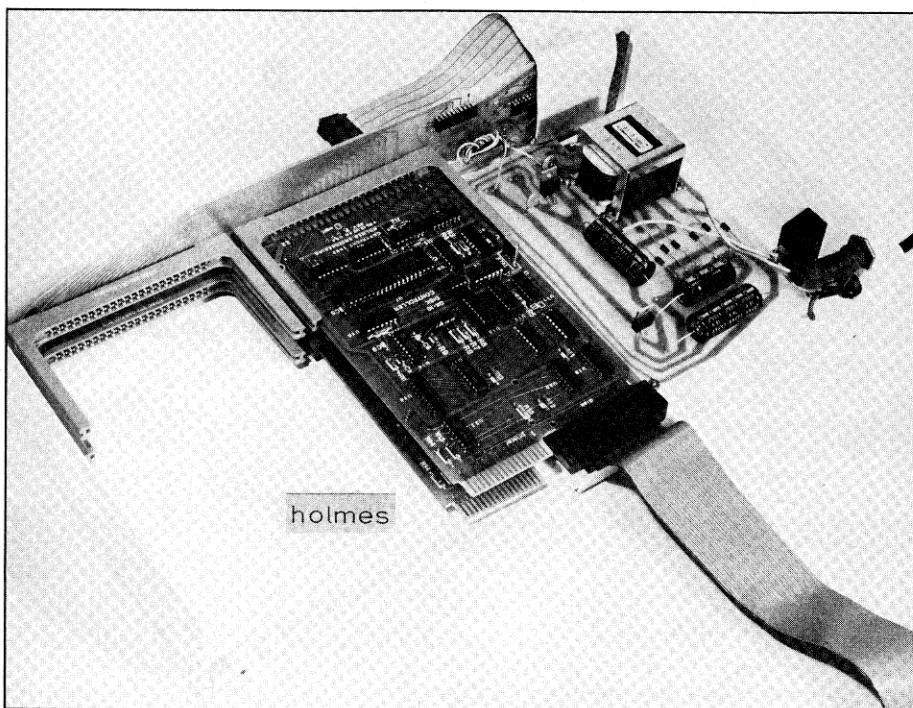
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The Printer Graphist works on most DOSes (send exact configuration when ordering), and requires a Model I or III with 32K or 48K and two disk drives. It is available for \$194.50 from Printer Graphist Ltd., P.O. Box 603, Newport, VT 05855, (802) 564-7704.

Reader Service ✓574

Mainframe Replaces Expansion Interface

The Holmes Expansion Mainframe upgrades the Model I with gold connectors, buffers for high-speed operation, and room for four peripherals, as well as a power supply and sturdy metal enclosure.



Holmes Expansion Mainframe

It is the heart of a \$319 system adding double-density and 8-inch drive capacity to the Model I, including the mainframe, Holmes' DX-1S disk controller and DX-1D double-density adapter, an LSI data separator, parallel printer port, and keyboard-to-mainframe connector cable. The use of 8-inch double-density drives requires a speed-up peripheral such as Holmes' Sprinter II.

The DX-1D adapter can be purchased alone for \$129.50. Other peripherals, including 80-character video and extended memory, are available or will be soon.

For more information, contact Holmes Engineering Inc., Dept. 15, 3555 South 3200 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, (801) 967-2324.

Reader Service ✓564

Rail Runner

Rail Runner is a new graphics game for the Color Computer featuring sound, fast action, and many levels of difficulty.

Your railroad engineer must scurry over the tracks of the busy switchyard, dodging speeding trains and handcars, to rescue the hoboes on the other side of the tracks. And you've got only so much time to save them—the real-time clock keeps ticking.

The game costs \$21.95 on cassette and \$26.95 on disk, plus \$2 shipping and handling. It is available from Computerware, Box 668, Encinitas, CA 92024, (714) 436-3512.

Reader Service ✓573

Paysoft

An enhanced version of the Paysoft payroll system is now available for the Model III.

The system calculates gross and net pay and deducts withholdings for any number of employees, providing company and employee payroll summaries and reports with current, month-, quarter-, and year-to-date totals. With a pin- or tractor-feed printer, it will print and number payroll checks.

Eight deduction categories, including federal, state, and FICA taxes, can be custom-labeled. In addition, Paysoft handles bonus pay and overtime. An auto-run feature makes operation easy, enabling the user to select only those employees whose hours change every payday.

The program requires 32K TRSDOS and dual disks. It sells for \$199 from Business Micro Products, 311½ 8th St., Suite 400, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, (303) 945-8166.

Reader Service ✓576

Programming the Color Computer

A Byte of Color Basic from Computer Island (227 Hampton Green, Staten Island, NY 10312) teaches programming on the Color Computer to children and beginners of all ages.

The book has three units—Basic, graphics, and sound. There are 24 chapters, each with examples, illustrations, programs, and practice exercises. An instructor's manual and answer key is included.

Its price is \$5.95 plus 50 cents for postage. Discounts are given to schools.

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DISnDATA

DISnDATA 1.1 is a two-pass disassembler that converts a machine-language program to fully labeled source code using standard Z80 mnemonics. Output can be directed to video display, line printer, cassette, or disk.

Unlike other disassemblers, this program discriminates between instructions and data areas within the original machine language. Other disassemblers treat all areas of the program as instructions, causing them to output meaningless information upon encountering data items. In contrast, DISnDATA translates as instructions only those areas that are directly executed from one or more specified entry points. All other areas are output as data at the correct place within the program and with appropriate pseudo-operations attached.

DISnDATA 1.1 is also capable of relocating itself to any available area of RAM, moving up or down by a single byte or as many bytes as desired to disassemble programs located elsewhere in memory.

This product sells for \$24.95 on Model I or III cassette, or \$29.95 on Model III disk. Each requires an additional \$1.50 shipping and handling, and is available from Pro/Am Software, 220 Cardigan Road, Centerville, OH 45459, (513) 435-4480.

Reader Service ✓580

Morse Code for Color Computer

Prof. J. C. Sprott, author of a popular Morse code program for the Model I/III, has introduced a version for the Color Computer.

Translated into 16K Extended Color Basic, the W9AV Morse code translator allows you to send and receive Morse in most cases simply by connecting the computer cassette plugs to the transmitter key and receiver phone jacks. Send to 60 wpm and receive to 30 wpm, automatically adjusted. The translator has nine programmable message memories of 240 characters each, and a random-character practice mode.

Priced at \$14.95 for a cassette and \$7.95 for a source list, the program is available from J. C. Sprott, 5002 Sheboygan, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 273-0627.

Reader Service ✓582

Data-File Management System

Filemate is a software package containing six modules for the creation and management of a data base for almost any personal or business requirement. Using hashing techniques for instant access to any record, regardless of file size, it also provides computation capability on any numeric field and storage of algorithms for repeated use, as well as editing, sorting, and printout of up to 2,000 records.

An auto-adaptive system, Filemate permits easy conversion of existing sequential files to its random format. Once a file has been established and loaded, one can still add, delete, or change the size of any field, or expand the total file capacity without losing or having to reenter any data.

It is available on disk for Models I and III with 48K and either TRSDOS or NEWDOS80 2.0 operating systems. With instruction manual included, price is \$95 from Datafile Systems, 801 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304, (415) 326-1447.

Reader Service ✓557

Home Is Where the Hearth Is

Computer-Assisted Home Energy Management by Paul E. Field enables readers with limited knowledge of digital electronics and microprocessors to build and operate a residential energy monitoring system.

Details given for the hardware re-

quired include a buffered microcomputer interface, an interrupt-driven time-of-day clock, and a thermometer port for measuring eight separate temperatures. For software, five Basic programs are discussed: a machine-language monitor loader, residential heat-loss calculator, thermometer calibrator, nine-option time and temperature data manager, and statistical-analysis programs. A final chapter suggests variations and refinements for the completed system.

The 182-page paperback refers primarily to the 16K Model I. It is available for \$15.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling (Virginia residents add 4 percent sales tax) from Group Technology Ltd., P.O. Box 87, Check, VA 24072, (703) 651-3153.

Reader Service ✓562

Dinosaurs and Dungeons

Two new fantasy/adventure games for the Model I and III are available from Software Magic.

In *Marooned in Time* (16K Level II), the Institute of Temporal Studies has selected you as the first person to become a chrononaut and test drive the time machine. However, not only has the chronosphere pitched you back to the age of dinosaurs, it's landed without you somewhere in the area. Between searching for it and dodging Tyrannosaurus Rex, you'll have quite a time trying to get home.

Lair of Evil (32K Level II) casts you as Kiron the mercenary, hired by the village of Selira to rid them of the wicked Lord Lainem. You have 1,200 silver pieces and a choice of four characters, four weapons of different qualities, and five magic spells, but you will face 13 types of monsters or allies in exploring the Lair of Lainem. Needless to say, there is treasure galore—if you are successful.

Each game sells for \$14.95 from Software Magic, P.O. Box 2184, Bramalea, Ontario, Canada L6T 3S4, (416) 451-9452.

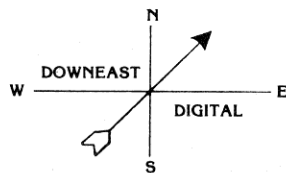
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program compares your present diet with the nutritional requirements of your age/sex category and prints suitable menus, taking your food preferences into consideration. The system accommodates special factors or dietary restrictions, even for individual members while printing menus for an entire family.

In addition, it automatically maintains a food inventory, prints shopping lists, performs nutritional analysis of recipes, manages the ingredients ratio for varying batch size, and reduces food costs by consolidating purchases.

Written in Assembly code for speed and efficiency, Nutri-Man requires a Model I or III with 32K and two disk drives. It can be ordered for \$250 from Quant-m Corp., P.O. Box 55, Newfane, NY 14108, (716) 778-9384.

Reader Service ✓553

Cassette for Backup Storage

The Micro-Comp 450 digital cassette is an economical back-up for floppy-disk storage. A four-track cassette with 450 feet of high-density tape, it holds over one megabyte at the standard two-track 800-bpi rate.

It sells for \$5 from Magnetic Information Systems, P.O. Box 806, Shelton, CT 06484, (203) 735-6477.

Reader Service ✓567

Stock Market Data

Twenty years of daily and weekly (1962-1982) Dow Jones and Standard & Poor's 500 averages are now available on Model III disks and Model I/III cassettes.

The Dow Jones includes utilities, transportations, and industrials. Typical running average and cyclic analysis programs, as well as a user's manual, show usage of the data. Utility programs for maintaining and updating the averages are also included.

Other software is available for financial analysis, curve-fitting data, and plotting. For more information, contact Young Ideas Inc., 555 N. New Ballas, Suite 310, St. Louis, MO 63141, (314) 569-8534.

Reader Service ✓585

Fractions

Fractions, a sequence of 24 interactive programs, guides students in grades five and up through the concepts and

operations of fractions.

For each of 11 topics, concept development and skill building is followed by an exploration program. The series also includes concept overview and placement or review test programs.

The Fractions package is available on Model III 32K disks for \$175. For more information, contact Quality Educational Designs, P.O. Box 12486, Portland, OR 97212, (503) 287-8137.

Reader Service ✓568

Color Computer to Model III

Color III is a set of plans for upgrading the Color Computer to Model III capability at a cost of approximately \$300.

Builders can convert their computer to a 65-key keyboard with 12-key numeric pad, front reset button, and television or color CRT display in a Model III enclosure. The unit includes RS-232, cassette, and joystick jacks, a ROMpak hatch door, disk-mounting capacity, internal sound, power-on indicator, and (with TV option) channel selector, telescopic antenna, and up to 256-by-192 resolution display. Once the Color III is built and your Color Computer installed, you can use your old enclosure as a remote terminal for home or office.

The \$15 plan package includes a complete bill of materials, tool and manufacturing lists, step-by-step instructions, illustrations, wiring diagrams, and sheet-metal templates. A kit consisting of plans and materials may be offered in the future.

For more information, contact L & E Electro Sales Co., 7017 Hazeltine Ave., Suite 10, Van Nuys, CA 91405, (213) 994-3110.

Reader Service ✓556

Model II/16 Hard-Disk CP/M

Aton International has introduced CP/M 2.2 on Radio Shack's hard-disk drives for the Models II and 16. It is the first CP/M operating system available for Tandy's hard disks, which were introduced last January.

The system uses only 16K controller RAM and 2K of CPU memory, leaving 62K RAM for user processing. For programs requiring dual floppies or dual hard disks, the total formatted capacity of eight megabytes can be divided into user-specified logical drives that sim-

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Users can boot up either TRSDOS or CP/M, accessing programs formatted for either system that are stored on different parts of the same hard disk. The system can also bootstrap directly from the rigid platter, in minicomputer fashion, without the need of floppy-disk intervention.

The CP/M 2.2 package, including the hard-disk adaptation and full documentation, lists for \$279. Present Aton CP/M owners can purchase the hard-disk upgrade for \$125. For more information, contact Aton International Inc., 260 Brooklyn Ave., San Jose, CA 95128, (408) 554-9922.

Reader Service ✓563

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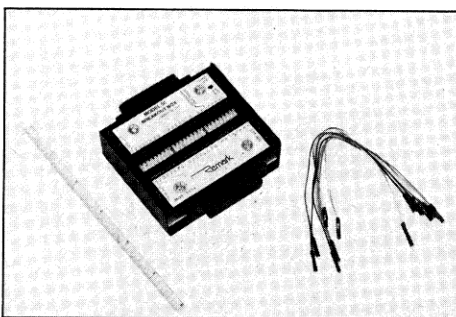
The Model 50 Breakout Box simplifies interfacing of RS-232 peripherals.

Two sets of 24 test points and six jumper plugs let you reconfigure any combination of the 24 interface signals. When more than two points have to be connected, patch to one of the four common bus areas.

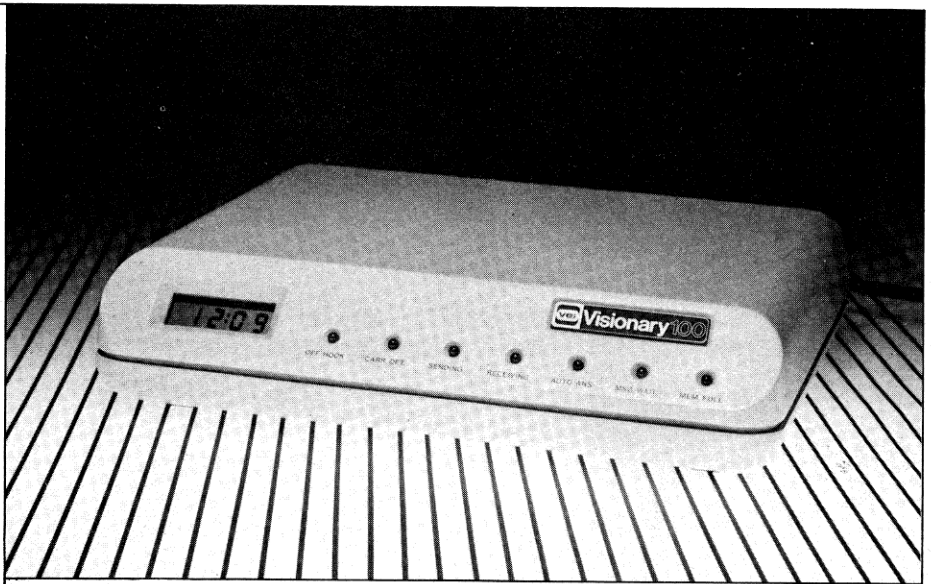
The Model 50 has one female and one male D-type RS-232 connector. Its aluminum case measures 3¼ by 3¼ by 1 inches, and the rear cover has a signal list description of the RS-232 interface. Six jumpers are included.

Price is \$79 from Remark Datacom Inc., 4 Sycamore Drive, Woodbury, NY 11797, (516) 367-3806.

Reader Service ✓554



RS-232 Breakout Box



Visionary 100

The Soul of Wit

Brevi-T, a new software package for NEWDOS 80 Version 2.0 owners, lets you create and use abbreviations for common or complicated DOS and Basic command sequences.

It can be used for simple, multi-positional, multi-parameter, or conditional abbreviations, the number limited only by the space on your disk. You can add, delete, list, print, verify, and test abbreviations. Files for Basic and DOS are maintained separately, allowing an abbreviation to be used at two levels.

Brevi-T is available for \$19.95 from SofTrends Inc., 26111 Brush Ave., Euclid, OH 44132, (216) 289-2002.

Reader Service ✓579

Independent EMAIL Modem

The Visionary 100, a 300-baud programmable modem, can send and receive electronic mail while your computer is being used for other purposes or even while it is turned off.

With its internal real-time clock, calendar, and 8085 microprocessor, the modem can automatically distribute a message to a number of different destinations, redialing any numbers that are busy, and send or receive messages at any time or date specified. Messages are stored in 2K of memory (expandable to 24K) and given a time-and-date stamp for output.

The unit uses the standard RS-232 interface and is compatible with any Bell 100 series modem. It sells for \$595 from

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Specifier's notes, section schedules, special codes, and a global replace feature allow owner and project names, titles, bid opening dates, and other information to be automatically inserted throughout the specifications in minutes. Proofreading time is virtually eliminated, and output is camera-ready for production.

Compuspec is available for Model II and 16 micros with a Daisy Wheel II printer; licensees must show proof of purchase of Radio Shack's Scripsit 2.0, or purchase it as an option. The price of \$1,250 includes updates for one year.

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Reports for individuals or groups can be displayed or printed. Students in groups can be listed alphabetically, by grade, or according to a mixture of the two.

The system allows a user to set grade breaks (e.g., one absence and two tardies is the lowest A); whenever a student crosses one of these grade breaks (slipping from a B to a C, for example), his or her name is printed and the attendance officer notified.

Two versions are available, each able to track students by date, absent or tar-

dy, and excuse. Version 2.0 also tracks by period and teacher, and can accommodate up to 1,000 students. Version 3.0 tracks by specific class name, accommodating 750 students and 350 classes.

The Attendance package requires a 48K, two-disk Model III and an 80-column printer. It is available for \$275 from Schoolhouse Software, 5302 33rd SE, Auburn, WA 98002.

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tween disk and cassette. Files may be stored on either medium.

Colour Data Management sells for \$20.95 from Computer-Mate Business Service, P.O. Box 3082, Station F, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1W 3P5, (416) 494-1862.

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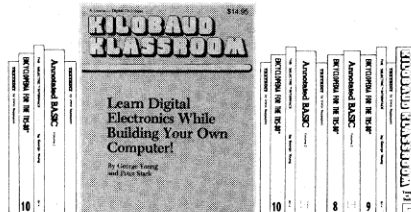
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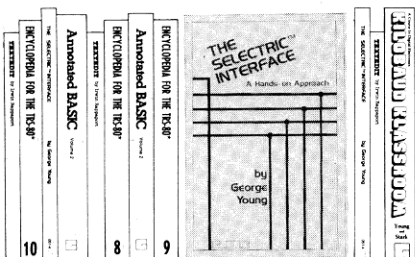
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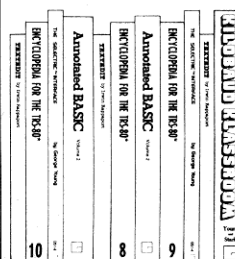
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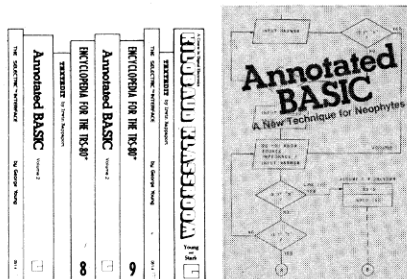
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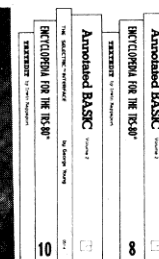
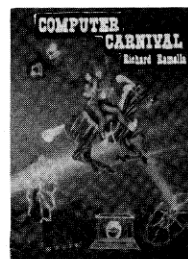


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The language is priced at \$950, with a documentation package selling for \$30. For more information, contact Softworks Limited, 607 W. Wellington, Chicago, IL 60657, (312) 327-7666.

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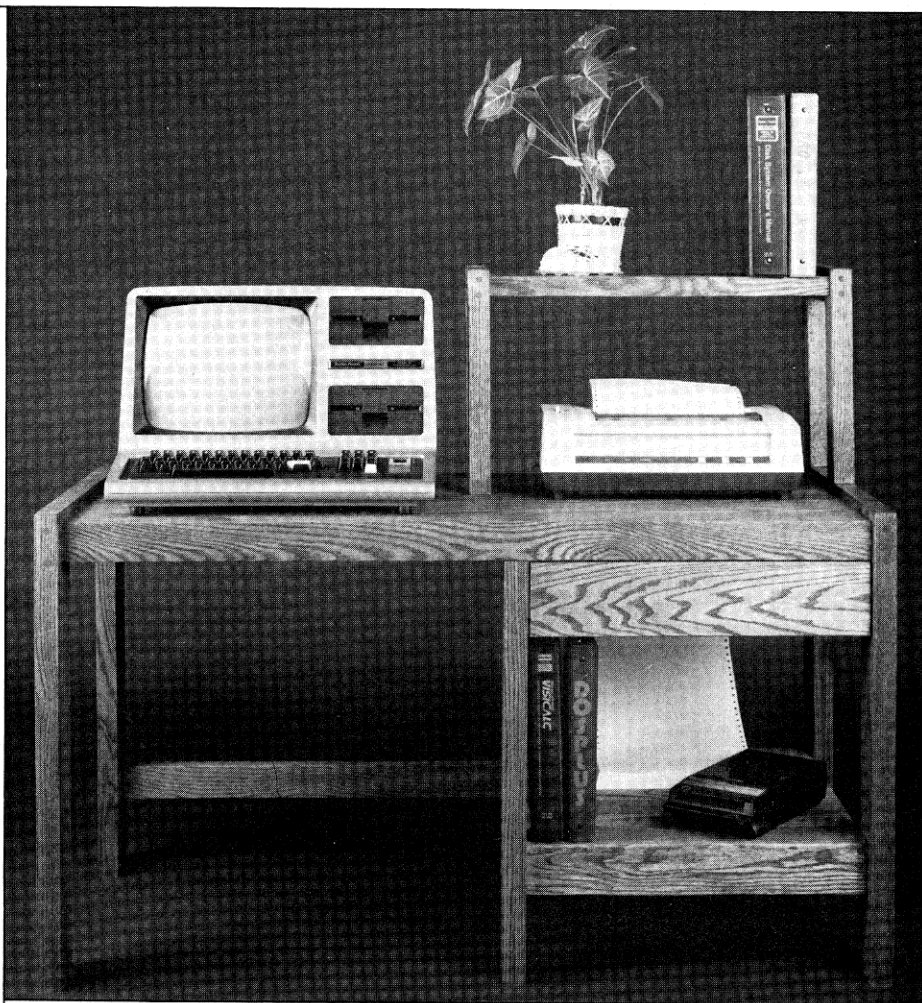
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The November 1982 New Products listing for The Last One program-writing utility gave Southwest Micro-computer Systems (16885 West Bernardo Drive, Suite 220, San Diego, CA 92127) as the sole distributor. The northwestern U.S. distributor for The Last One is Krown Computing, 1282 Conference Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066, (408) 335-3133.

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 Program to teach chemical elements. (Model I/III)
 How micros help the handicapped.
 Learn touch typing. (Model I/III)
 Teach your kids to add and subtract. (Model II)
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Micro Puzzle Box	Moews	1/82:302	3/82:28	Put the numbers in the right order in a grid. (Model I)
Model III Microchess	Embar	11/82:300		Modify Microchess for the Model III.
More Color Conversions	Freeman	11/82:164		Some Model I games converted to the CC.
Naval Wars	Byrnes	8/82:114		Battleship with two computers. (Model I/III)
Outdoor Computer Games?	Adams	8/82:80		Play spy vs. spy outdoors with your computer. (Model I/III)
Pitty Pat	Barnes	8/82:270		Variation of draw poker. (Model I/III)
Save All Humans	Boothe	3/82:154		Save people from flying saucers. (Model I/III)
Save Our Ship	Hawkins	8/82:174		Star Trek adventure. (Model I/III)
Ski Slalom	Commander	8/82:112		Hit the slopes on the 80. (Model I/III)
Space Chase	Gillen	5/82:292	10/82:30	Arcade space game. (Model I)
Space Duel	Edick	8/82:260		Arcade game. (Model I/III, CC)
Square Game	Kanach	8/82:264		Merlin-like game. (CC)
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Sub Destroy	Steele	8/82:212		Arcade game for the Model II.
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Bob Rosen— A Colorful Story	Leichtman	6/82:174		Personality piece on Bob Rosen.
Broadening the TRS-80 Horizon	Busch	3/82:298		Thoughts on expanding your system.
Calculating Genius, Pt. I	Cook	11/82:130		The story of Charles Babbage, inventor of the digital computer.
Calculating Genius, Pt. II	Cook	12/82:88		See Part I.
Cassbox	Gillen	11/82:282		Print out cassette-box cards. (Model I)
CC CQ	Chuck	12/82:200		Use your Color Computer with your ham rig.
Celluloid CPUs	Nadeau	5/82:98		Micros in the movies.
CompuServe, MicroNet, TRS	Maquire	1/82:74		TRS-80 users and CompuServe
Computer Creationists	Rose	5/82:80		How micros are used in sound studios.
Computer-Assisted Electronic Design	Harper	11/82:372		Use your computer to design circuit boards. (Model I/III)
Confessions of a Microholic	Keller	5/82:320		One user's life after buying a TRS-80.
Dateline: Sri Lanka	Mello	4/82:128		Personality piece on David Busch.
Divine Dementia	Nadeau	5/82:176		Personality piece on Dennis Kitsz.
Dream Team	Wangness	2/82:196		Put together an ideal team with this program. (Model I)
Family Tree, The	Castor	11/82:398		Genealogy program. (Model I)
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Graphics King, The	Frann	8/82:120		Personality piece on Leo Christopherson.
Jake's Wampeters	Mello	3/82:162		Profile on Jake Commander.
Kryha Cipher Machine	Deavours	5/82:272		Use Tiny Pascal in cryptology. (Model I)
Little Byte Music, A	Levine	5/82:128		History of digitally synthesized music.
Make Those Headlines Fit	Ramella	11/82:260		Know if a headline will fit in a space before you typeset it. (Model I)
Memory Map—Level II	Goodwin	12/82:298		Level II memory map.
Night on the Town, A	Gunn	4/82:124		Humor—take your computer out on a date.
Northern Lights	Latamore	5/82:104		How a sculptor uses a micro to play his designs.
Ohio Electronic News Experiment	Chidsey	6/82:100		Progress report on the Tiffen, OH, newspaper's electronic news experiment.
Out of Thin Error	Adcock	5/82:258		Humor—what error messages "really" mean.
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A look at the Canadian videotext system, Telidon.
Plot maps to locate lobster pots, or anything else.
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An alien's view of TRS-80 users—humor.
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Back to the Drawing Board	Rappaport	3/82:120		See Utilities.
CC on Parade, Pt. I	Barden	10/82:82		Using graphics on the CC.
Color from a Model II?	Ward/Deininger	3/82:240		Use the DMP-3 digital plotter to get color graphics. (Model II)
Colorful Computer, Pt. I	Miller	8/82:94		Twenty-one graphics programs. (CC)
Colorful Computer, Pt. II	Miller	9/82:152		See Part I.
Colorful Computer, Pt. III	Miller	10/82:254		See Part I.
Computer Etch-a-sketch	Mustico	2/82:70		See Programming Techniques.
Conversion	Osborne	9/82:238		Bob Boothe's graphics on the CC.
Different Perspective	Nielsen	5/82:242		Use shadows to gain perspective in graphics. (Model I)
Editor's Choice, The Epson Airfoils	Gesamte/Commander Boothe	3/82:78 11/82:230		Graphic patterns. (CC) Plot airfoils for planes on your Epson printer. (Model I)
Flaky	Garrison	12/82:94		Graphics techniques. (CC)
Is a Rose in Color/ a Rose	Green	3/82:142	6/82:26	Earlier 80 Micro graphics programs converted to the CC.
Joystick Paintbrush	Sprouse	9/82:230		Draw on the screen with joysticks. (CC)
Mirror Imaging	Boothe	3/82:112		Plot spheres, paraboloids, and other high-resolution shapes for the Epson. (Model I)
Paper Graphics	Rosenberg	3/82:270		See Utilities.
Pictures at a Mod II Exhibition	Baker	3/82:280	6/82:26	Bob Boothe's techniques on a Model II.
Pixel Print	Gillen	11/82:364		Send screen graphics to the printer. (Model I)
POKE Graphics	Schaefer	12/82:384		Speed up Basic displays. (Model I)
Polar Generator	Webb	2/82:204		See Programming Techniques.
Random Picture	Swarts	2/82:194		Let the computer be the artist. (Model I)
Shady Characters	Ramella	3/82:258	6/82:26	Get silhouette printouts. (Model I)
Smooth Graphics	Goodman	3/82:304		See Programming Techniques.
Spiromania, Pt. I	Commander	5/82:88		Draw spirographs on the Color Computer.
Spiromania, Pt. II	Commander	6/82:106		See Part I.
Sublime Simulations	Keough	4/82:258		How computer simulation/modeling works.
Super Banner	Balewski	5/82:282		Print out banners on a Centronics 737. (Model I)
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Battery Back-up	Batie	2/82:126		Build a battery back-up unit.
Building an M-80	Hawkes/Reese	3/82:172		Build a single-board microprocessor with the Z80.
Cablebrew	DeFrancis	11/82:287		Make your own MX-80 cable.
Cheaper Upgrade	Tucker	9/82:186		Install the Extended Color Basic ROM yourself. (CC)
Color Computer Upgrade	Murphy	3/82:102		Go from 4K to 16K. (CC)
Color from a Model II?	Ward/Deninger	3/82:102		See Graphics.
Computerized Engraving	Joffe	5/82:318		Drive a pantograph with your 80. (Model III)
Cybernetics and Jelly Beans, Pt. I	Davids	10/82:190		Build a robot to detect jelly beans. (Model I)
Cybernetics, Pt. II	Davids	11/82:264		See Part I.
Cybernetics, Pt. III	Davids	12/82:312		See Part I.
Digital Doodles	Sehmer	1/82:244	9/82:30	Build a graphics plotter. (Model I)
Do-it-yourself Disks	Shaefer	1/82:172		Install your own disk drives in a Model III.
Double Your Density	Domuret	1/82:294		Adding double density to your system. (Model I)
Four Into One Will Go, Pt. I	Hawkes/Reese	2/82:226		Put a 4K program in 1K by bank section. (Model I)
Handy Dandy Tandy Table	Langston	4/82:328		Build a desk for your computer.
Hardware Hacker, Pt. I	Van Praag	10/82:216		Connect a Centronics-compatible printer to the Model I.
Hardware Hacker, Pt. II	Van Praag	11/82:112		Add 32K RAM. (Model I)
Hardware Hacker, Pt. III	Van Praag	12/82:173		Add a disk-drive controller. (Model I)
Hydra-disk	Robins	3/82:206	6/82:26	Add dual-headed drives. (Model I)
Joy of Interfacing, The	Batie	3/82:242		Joystick interface. (Model I)
Juicing Pin 18	Gorodetzer	9/82:288		Use pin 18 on the MX-80 printer connector with the buffered cable. (Model I)
Look into Disk Drives, A	staff	1/82:179		Buyer's guide to disk drives.
Modem Auto-answer	Westbrook	6/82:229		Build an auto-answer device.
Multi-programming/Micro	Genovese	1/82:278		See Programming Techniques.
Networking on a Shoestring	Meinke	2/82:184		Build your own networking system. (Model I)
New Generation of Characters	Park	4/82:220		Install the AXX3027 character generator chip. (Model I)
Programmable Baud Rate	Cottle	5/82:306		Device for the LNW interface to get a programmable baud rate. (Model I)
RAM Wars	McClenahan	3/82:156		Get 64K RAM on the CC.
Singer Printer Interface	Mailhot	6/82:374		Interface the Singer printer.
Sixteen Channel A/D Board	Haan	6/82:310		Interface eight joysticks. (Model I)
Smarten Up, Color Computer	Esposito/Thiel	3/82:126		Add memory to the CC.
Straight Shooter, The	Quindry	1/82:318	10/82:30	Build an inexpensive light pen. (Model I)
Telephone Dialer	Hickey	6/82:160		Device to let your computer dial phone numbers. (Model I)
\$30 System Desk	Asman	12/82:166		Build a desk for your computer.
Those CLOAD Blues	Hartjes	1/82:288		Build a data compensator and audio amplifier. (Model I)
Video Snow Shovel	Smith	3/82:290	9/82:30	Get rid of those black streaks against white characters. (Model I)
Voice-Controlled Typewriter	Rigsby	12/82:72		Use your computer and printer as a sound-activated typewriter for the handicapped. (Model I)
We Interrupt This	Workman	11/82:396		Build interrupt capabilities into your Model I.
Where There's a Will...	McClenahan	3/82:84		Device to let the Color Computer print while on CompuServe.

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Computer Racing Form	Bobo	5/82:252		Handicap horse races on your micro. (Model I/III)
Family Medical History	Diaz	11/82:90		Keep your family's medical records. (Model I/III)
Fore! Scorekeeper	Wells	5/82:298		Keep track of your golf scores. (Model I/III)
Gentle Reminder, A	Rosen	6/82:348		Schedule your work projects. (Model I/III)
Home Budgeteer— Reprise	Pablo	5/82:238		Keep track of household expenses. (Model I/III)
Homebrew Librarian	Hamilton	11/82:436		Keep track of your books. (Model I)
If This Is Tuesday, It Must Be...	Atkins	1/82:308	5/82:26	Date program. (PC)
Income Tax Estimator	Stark	10/82:168		Figure your income tax on the CC.
Model III Biorhythms	Anderson	5/82:280		Find out what your good and bad days will be. (Model II)
No More 90-lb.	Stevens	1/82:174		Exercise log program. (PC)
Phonfind	Eldridge	6/82:358		Phone-log program. (Model I/III)
To Catch a Thief	Kuhn	4/82:274		Home-inventory program. (Model III)
Trick or TRS-80	Keller	10/82:104		Have a jack-o-lantern on your screen greet trick-or-treaters. (Model I/III)
Two Stroke a Side	Avery	5/82:264		Figure your golf handicap. (Model I/III)
Ultimate Parts Manager	McCalley	1/82:140		Keep inventory of Model T parts. (Model I)
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Basic Word Processing	Cutrona	9/82:140		See Utilities.
CC on Parade, Pt. I	Barden	10/82:82		See Graphics.
CC on Parade, Pt. II	Barden	11/82:80		Learn how to use Line, Circle, Draw, Paint, Get, and Put. (CC)
Colorful Computer, Pt. I	Miller	8/82:94		See Graphics.
Colorful Computer, Pt. II	Miller	9/82:152		See Part I, Graphics.
Colorful Computer, Pt. III	Miller	10/82:254		See Part I, Graphics.
Computer Etch-a-sketch	Mustico	2/82:70		Add graphic routines to educational programs. (Model I)
Conversion	Osborne	9/82:238		See Graphics.
Different Perspective	Nielsen	5/82:242		See Graphics.
Dizzy Decimals	Shore	3/82:326		Eliminate round-off errors. (Model I/III)
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Easy Picture Editor	Ginger	12/82:388		See Utilities.
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Flasher, The	Mickey	1/82:276		Flash prompts. (Model I)
Grafrax Tricks	Schneider	12/82:118		New things to do with your MX-80. (Model I)
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I Program, Therefore ISAM	Adcock	5/82:302		Use the indexed sequential addressing mode.
Mirror Imaging	Boothe	3/82:112		See Graphics.
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Model III Machine- Language Mods	Koch	12/82:320		Tricks to convert Model I programs to Model III
Multi-programming/ Micro	Genovese	1/82:278		Execute several programs simultaneously. (Model I)
On Break GOTO	Donais	11/82:390		Another way to use break. (Model I)
Ordered Chaos	Webb	1/82:310		Using randomness in programs. (Model I/III)
PCLEAR 0	Heusinkveld	9/82:282		Make high-resolution graphics use high memory. (CC)
PEEK of Its Career, The	Wilson	6/82:308		Simulate PEEK and POKE on the Model II.
Performance Analysis	Ballard	2/82:240		Detail the execution path of your programs. (Model I/III)

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Generate a map of the Arctic on the screen. (Model I)
Use prime numbers for labels in DBMs for fast sequential searches. (Model I/III)
Get color printouts on your MX-80 using colored ribbons. (Model I/III)
Techniques of a professional programmer.
How to program pitch in music-generation programs. (Model I)
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Use the interpreter's build-in exits to make modifications. (Model I/III)
Make efficient screen routines. (Model I)
Use hashing to store and retrieve items in an unsorted list. (Model I/III)
Add precision to animation. (Model I/III)
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Link files with multi-disk Model IIs.

Exercise using psuedo-code.
Use STRING\$ to pack strings. (Model I/III)

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Use On Error GOTO to work out of programming problems.
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Astrodynamics for Beginners	Fowler	11/82:205		Explore the laws of gravitation. (CC)
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Colorful Titrations	Wood	2/82:202		Isolate specific elements in chemical solutions. (CC)
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Find a Number's Roots	Cecil	11/82:440		Five programs to give high-precision answers to roots of numbers. (Model I)
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Micros in Medicine	Vose	11/82:74		How micros are used in the medical profession.
Micros in the Lab	Hager	11/82:174		How micros are used in lab research.
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Nike Sport Research Lab	Larsen	11/82:188		How Nike uses computers in shoe design.
Propagation Prediction	Chipman	6/82:272		Predict high-frequency wave propagation. (Model I)
Relativity and the TRS-80	Levin	11/82:222		See how the theory of relativity works via your computer. (Model I/III)
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Two-way ANOVA
You Light Up My Life

McGarvey
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BBS Primer	Wright	6/82:284		What you need to hook onto a bulletin board.
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Bit Smitten, Pt. III	Chidsey	10/82:96		What a baud is, screen-dump routines, and more.
Bit Smitten, Pt. IV	Chidsey	11/82:92		Learn how to use the Basic Read...Data function. (Model I/III)
Bit Smitten, Pt. V	Chidsey	12/82:101		Gain access to string data. (Model I/III)
Boolean Logic Operators	Crew	12/82:366		How they work in Basic and Fortran.
Breaker 19	Busch	6/82:96		How to use CompuServe's CB simulator.
Color Computer Pointers	Gilliland	11/82:288		Combine programs and save memory. (CC)
Damping Cassette Output	Sinclair	5/82:324		What to do when CLOAD problems are really CSAVE problems.
Data Communications— TRS-80 Style	Derfler	6/82:82		How to set up your TRS-80 as a data-communications terminal.
Do-it-yourself DB, Pt. I	Townsend	6/82:176		See Programming Techniques.
Do-it-yourself DB, Pt. II	Townsend	9/82:242		See Part I, Programming Techniques.
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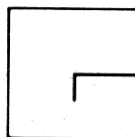
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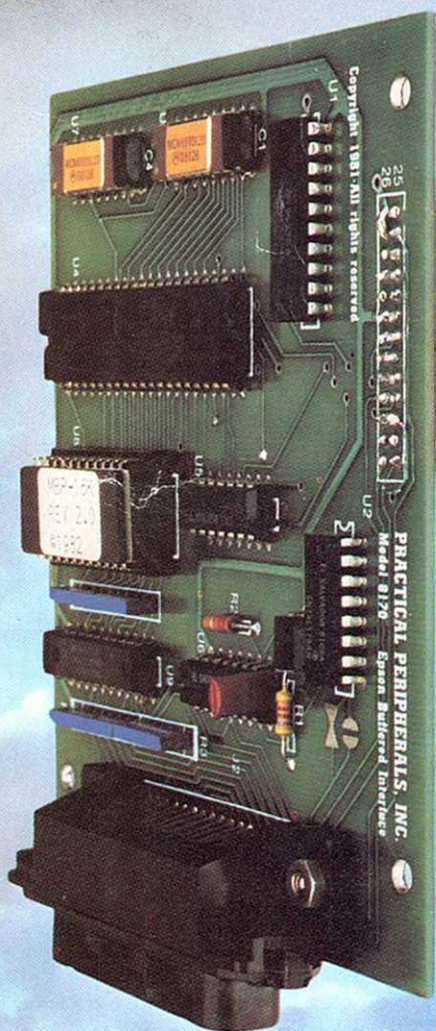
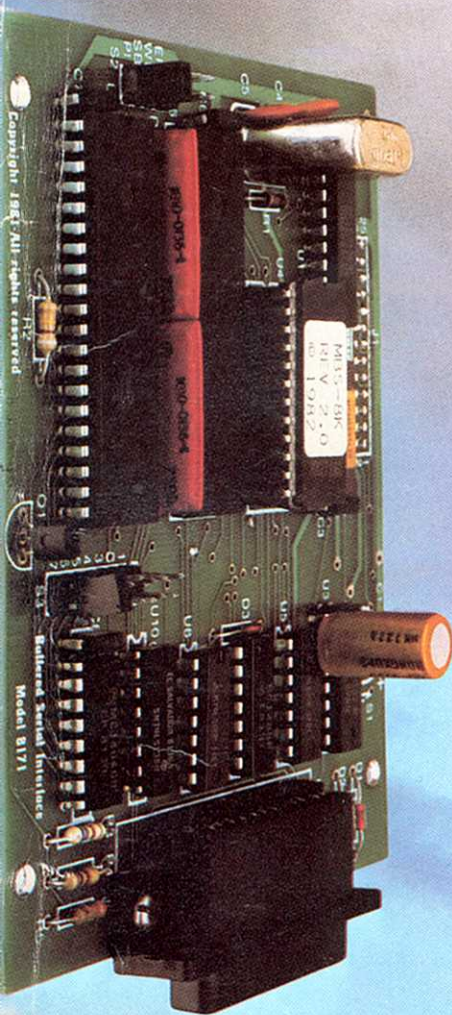
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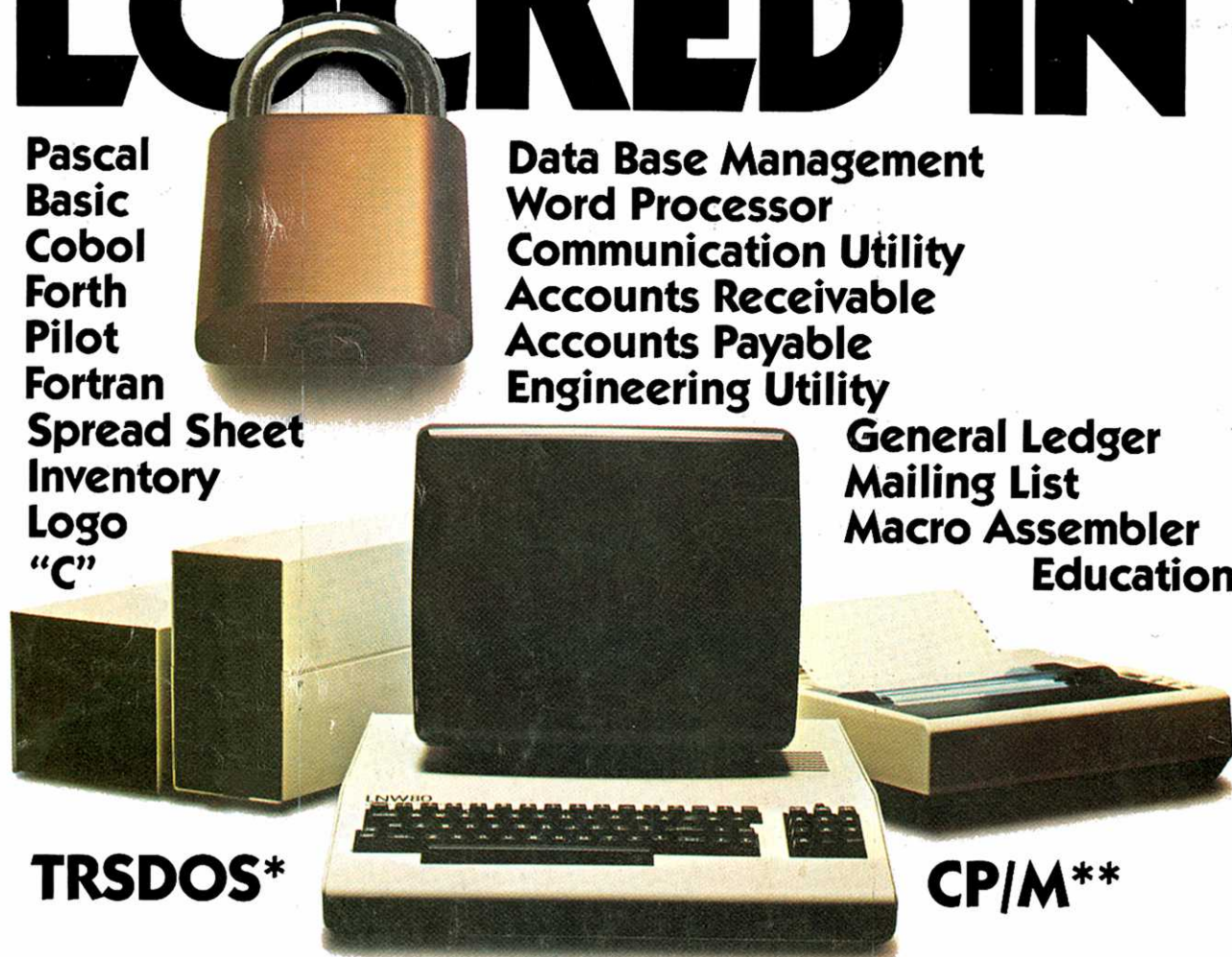


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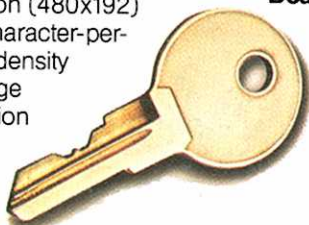
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